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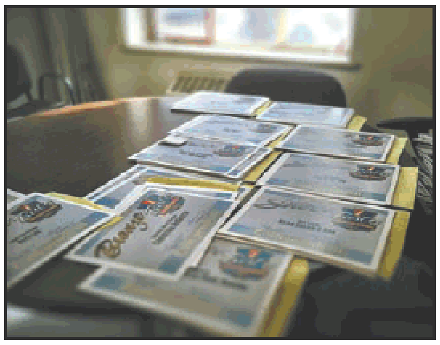

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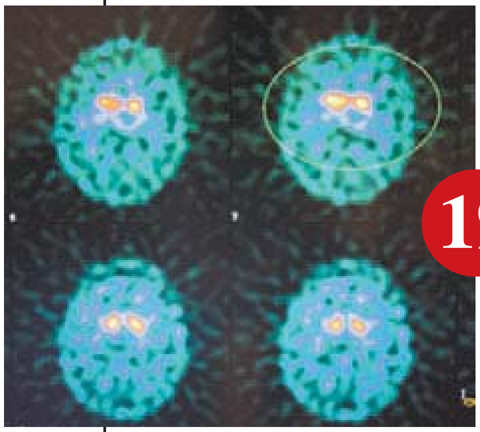

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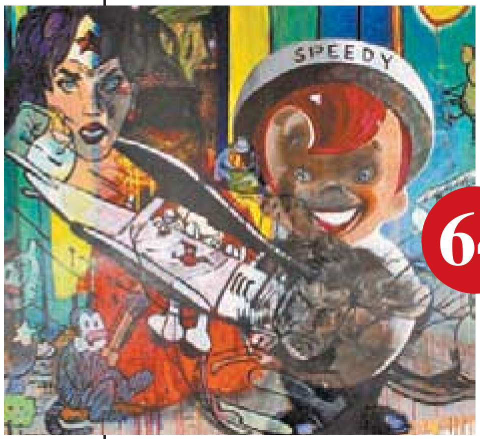
News: High hopes for cocaine

If you hear "cocaine" and think of junkies smoking crack in squalid apartments, or of downward-spiraling rock stars, this may come as a shocker. A cocaine-based drug is being used in doctors' offices around the world, including one large Pikes Peak area practice. And it's helping a lot of sick people.



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Film: *Cloud Atlas*

It opens in the same way that, most likely, the very first story told for entertainment began, 100,000 years ago, with an elderly wise person speaking to an audience gathered round a campfire. I didn't realize until *Cloud Atlas* was finished, an astonishingly quick three hours later, how thrilling an opening that is.

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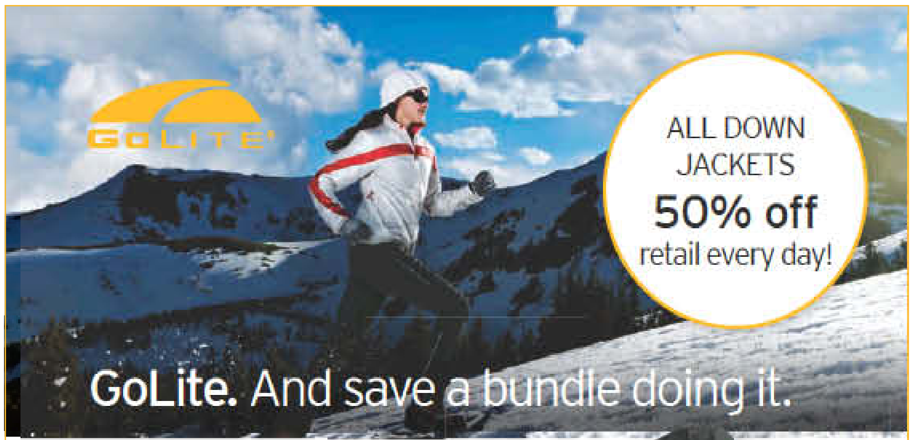

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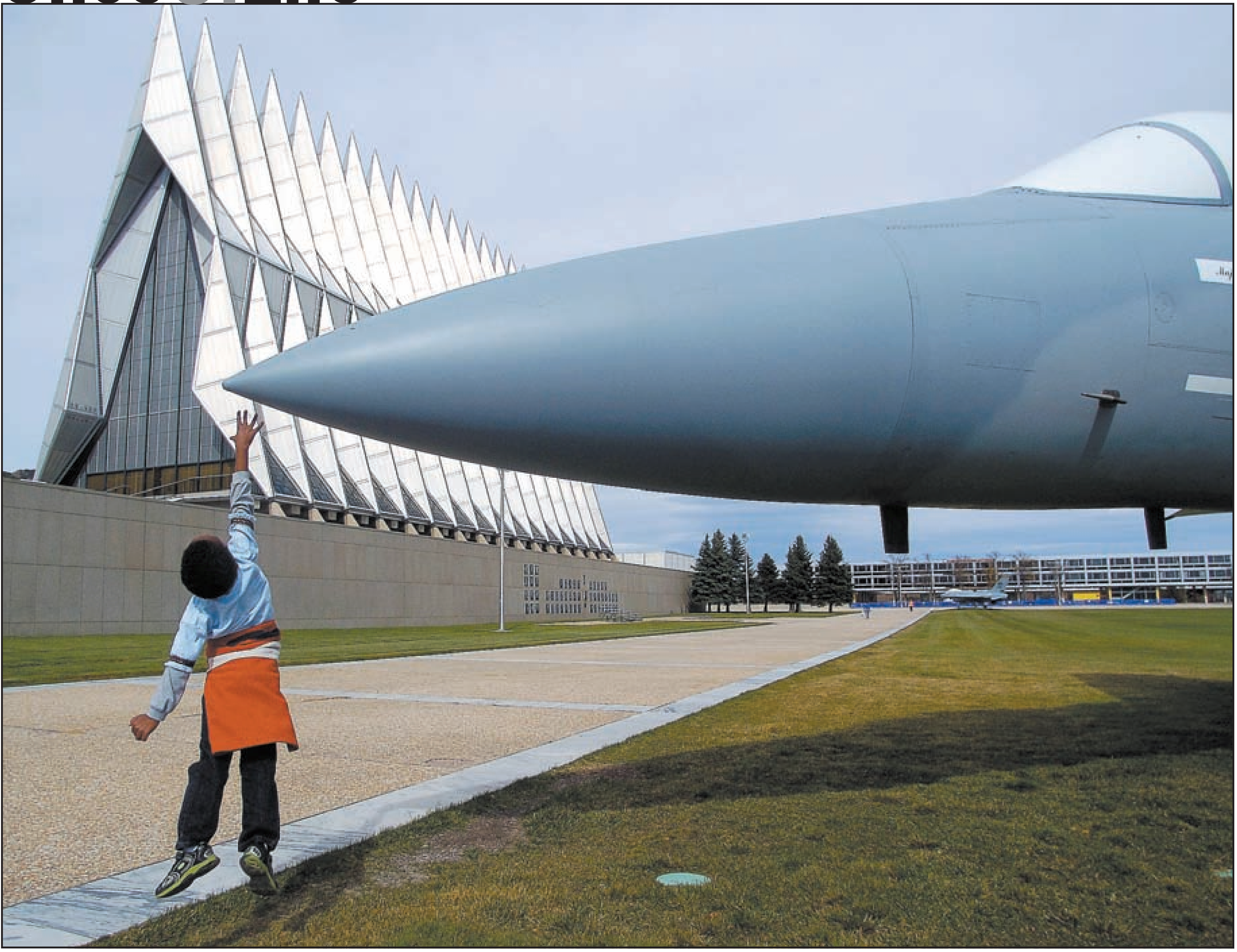

Bryan Oller

Cooper Fekadu Birky, 6, was among Colorado Springs Ethiopian School children whom Air Force Academy cadets hosted for an activity day last week.

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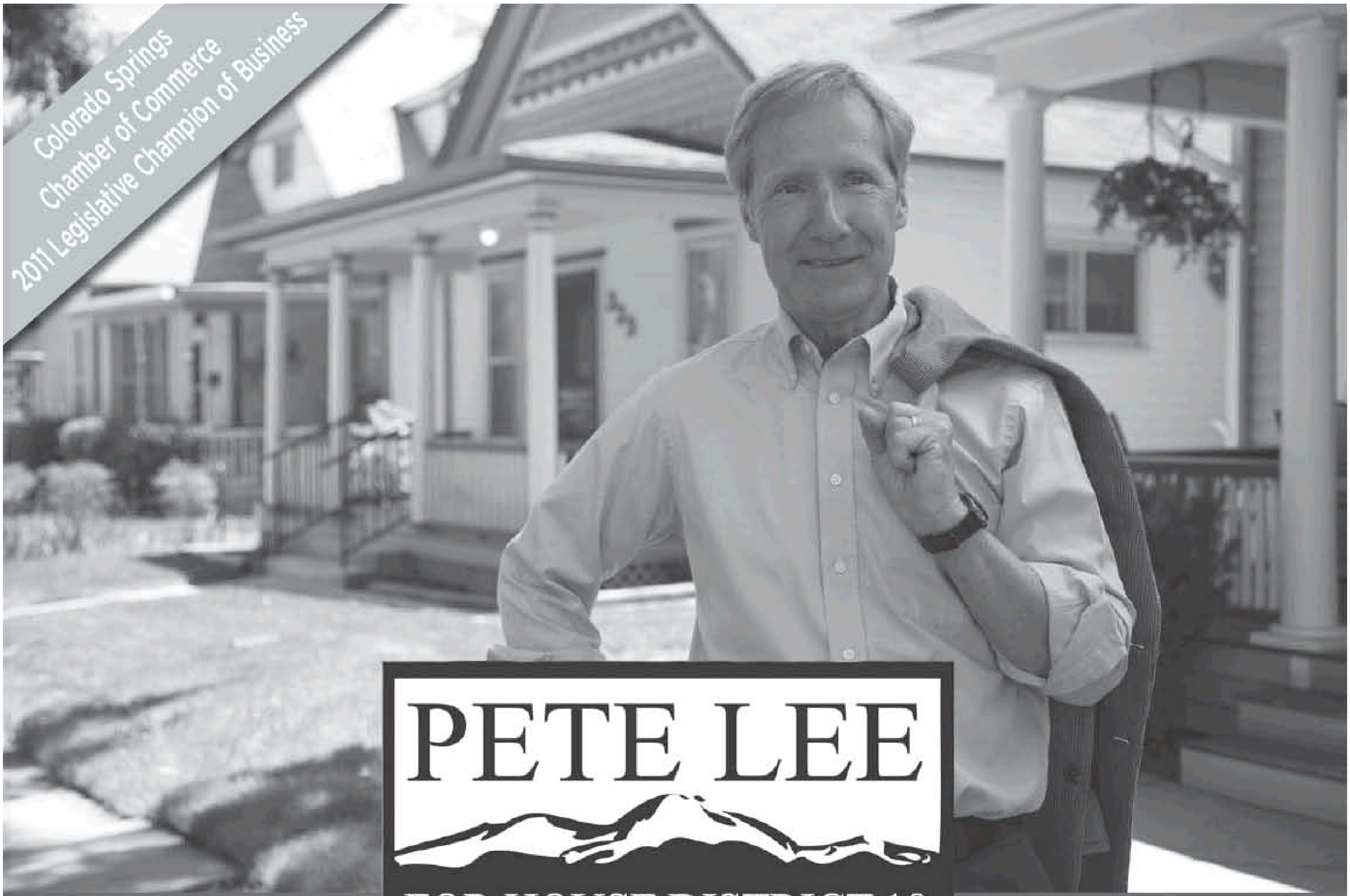
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Shot to the system

I have read the *Independent* for years, and have always believed it offered an alternative perspective, did not align itself with "big business," and truly had the best interests of locals at heart. After reading "Calling the shots" by Pam Zubeck (News, Oct. 17), I've become severely disappointed.

For years now, I too have refused to get a flu shot, and so I took issue with how one-sided the article seemed to be. Nowhere does it state why a person would not want a flu shot, and it makes no argument for why a mandate could violate workers' constitutional rights.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Lance Armstrong has no place in cycling and he deserves to be forgotten in cycling.'

— Pat McQuaid, president of the International Cycling Union, after accepting the verdict of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that Armstrong had cheated en route to seven Tour de France victories.

In a quick Internet search, I found the minutes for the Colorado Board of Health meeting where this ruling was passed. Objections included:

- Flu vaccinations contain toxins like mercury, found to cause brain damage and linked to autism.
- Medical professionals question efficacy, since flu vaccines are created from last year's strains, which some believe are ineffective against new strains.

These are just the medical issues ignored in the article. But it also failed to address constitutionality. The nation erupted when "Obamacare" was thought to require Catholic institutions to provide contraceptives to female employees. People argued it violated religious freedom. Where's the uproar over this?

If I were a Christian Scientist and it was against my religion to be vaccinated, I would be fired over this, which is essentially firing me for my religious beliefs. And regardless, people should have the right to decide what they put into their bodies.

My heart goes out to the nurses and doctors being "bullied" here. Seeing medical professionals against the vaccination makes me want it even less.

I will be much more wary of what I believe when reading the *Independent* in the future.

— Sara Solomon
Colorado Springs

Put community first

If there is a time when we might need to look at the needs of the community more than focus on the needs of a "party," I find it refreshing that hard-core Republican Party members have opted to go against an incumbent and their party to select John Morris as their choice for District 3 County Commissioner.

John has stated he will work to see that limited dollars will be directed more toward servicing the programs to assist those in need — rather than to service debt for expensive buildings never voted for by the public — and high-level salaries which includes "extended-term" retirement raises!

Since the introduction of TABOR, the level of long-term obligations (non-voter approved) has risen to be among the highest of counties within the state — at a cost of being unable to fund deputies for the Sheriff's Department. Of late (really late) this matter is being addressed this election, posing some risk to the PPRTA measure. Where is the balance?

We need a dedicated servant working for the public good at a price we can afford and with integrity we can trust.

We need John Morris.

— Patricia Mullen
Colorado Springs

A time for wisdom

We could be at the most critical juncture in decades for the Pikes Peak region — one calling for the utmost in civility, cooperation and fiscal-policy formation to deal with the declining economy and impacts of sequestration, should it be implemented.

The declining level of cooperation, which the press calls "legendary" between the city and county, has recently escalated with actions brought forth by this board of county commissioners. Some rogue, party extremist members of the board work to build party strength rather than community unity.

This board needs an injection of pragmatism that only a new member can bring. What is essential is a board that has the ability to deal with the city and the new Regional Business Alliance cooperatively, not with shrill partisan posturing. Darryl Glenn, the mayor, and numerous civic leaders have spoken to the need for increased cooperation and shared services. Sallie Clark has not been a productive contributor to this issue.

The addition of John Morris to the board will add the level of wisdom, judgment and calm, plus the reasoned demeanor needed to make this spirit of cooperation become a reality.

We need people who can work for the good of the city and county community, not just for their own sandbox.

— Michael Merrifield
Former state representative
House District 18

Defending Sallie

Elections seem to bring out character assassinations in force. As the husband of an elected official, I can't tell you how hard it is to stay quiet when the spin doctors make personal attacks.

Sallie Clark started as a neighborhood activist defending our neighborhood's Fire Station 3. As a councilwoman, she was the driving force behind the citywide ban on wood shake roofs — just think about the impact this had when the Waldo Canyon Fire hit.

I see her every day, working long hours and balancing her small business and civic duties. She reaches out to help those in need, regardless of party affiliation. Unlike the Washington gridlock, she finds common ground to get things done. Recent efforts include the Interstate 25-Cimarron Street interchange, "Not One More Child" initiative, Rainbow Falls restoration, the Avenue (No Man's Land), and Fort Carson buffer zone, among others.

During the fire she averaged 18-hour workdays. Her personal integrity is something I can vouch for and observe as she makes sacrifices for others to leave this world a better place

I'm proud to be the husband of Commissioner Sallie Clark and I ask that you join me by casting your vote for Sallie's continued service to our community Nov. 6.

— Welling Clark
Colorado Springs

Fed up with Gessler

It is now time, given the most recent exposé on the possible malfeasance, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds and other serious fiduciary irregularities, that Secretary of State Scott Gessler must be removed from office.

Take his latest foray into the partisanship and prostitution of his office, coupled with his oft-publicly stated objectives for his tenure as secretary of state: ... "my goal is not to encourage voters or to conduct fair elections and maintain accurate incorporation records, but to further the conservative viewpoint" (speech to Weld County Republicans). Then add his aggressive practices to disenfranchise voters during this election cycle. It's all an abdication and abandonment of his duties as the secretary of state of Colorado.

Gessler must go!

— James M. Hesser
Colorado Springs

No laughing matter

When my brother and I were kids we'd watch *Big Time Wrestling*, Saturday nights on one of our two TV channels. Asked what advice he had for viewers, one wrestler said in a gruff voice, "Win if you can, lose if you must, but always cheat!"

My brother and I sat there for a moment, dumbfounded. Then we laughed, of course; part of the big show and all that.

Well, laugh, cry and then get angry because Republicans seem to have adopted this concept in order to suppress the Democratic vote in an American election: billboards in parts of Ohio and Wisconsin (where many people are likely to vote Democratic) warning that voter fraud is a

LongStoryShort

The editorial space inside 235 S. Nevada Ave., from which so many of our words emanate, is a high-walled open space ringed with Macs and an array of kitschy junk that we just can't bear to part with. The concrete walls are painted pale yellow, the phones are black and gray, and the carpet a nasty brownish-maroon.

It's an insular space, this one, and that's just one reason why we love Best Of time: It's our biggest reminder of the year that our words don't go out into a vacuum — that our intelligent and sexy readers are plucking pieces from the paper and making them their own, and come voting time, directly dictating the content of these two large issues.

Which brings us to this second and final part of 2012's Best Of coverage, starting on p. 21. Jesus apparently said that it's written that man cannot live on bread alone, and that's why we couldn't stop at just the initial Food (and Drink and Nightlife) bit. We wanted everybody to know who the majority of you think offers the best local experience when buying antiques; or doesn't freak you out when it's cavity-filling time; or maybe just tweets the way #youlikeit.

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— Bryce Crawford

felony; scams in Florida and Virginia attempting to trick voters in Democratic-leaning areas into thinking you can vote by phone; and Colorado's own secretary of state, Scott Gessler, accused of removing Democrats from the voting rolls. Has the GOP sunk to the level of *Big Time Wrestling*?

— John McVay
Peyton

Supporting Pete Lee

Although there have been several letters in support of Jennifer George for House District 18, I personally feel that it is vitally important to re-elect state Rep. Pete Lee for this position. Pete has served us well in the two years that he has been in the state House, and people know that he is a level-headed, moderate person who can be counted on to use good common sense to represent his constituents.

George, in comparison, has some very extreme ideas. Her economic theories sound like they come from an Ayn Rand novel.

She is also a mouthpiece for the oil and gas industries, freely restating their positions that "fracking is perfectly safe" and "has never caused pollution of water supplies," or that Colorado's statewide regulations are "the strongest in the nation." George sees no room for local control of drilling operations since she believes our community is perfectly well-protected by the Colorado Gas and Oil Conservation Commission in Denver!

Several writers have also claimed that George would be good for education, but on what basis? Her Republican Party has never supported adequate funding for our schools, and as a result, layoffs and cutbacks have hurt our districts. Local bond issues have been needed to plug the gap caused by decreased state allocations. This has caused hardship for many property owners, as bond issues are still tax increases.

In comparison, Pete Lee has an actual track record of supporting our schools. He has been an advocate for increased funding for K-12 schools throughout the community, as well as for finding solutions to Colorado's increasingly tight budget conundrum.

So I will proudly support Pete Lee in his re-election bid for HD 18 and urge other constituents to do the same.

— Cyndy Kulp
Colorado Springs

A green record

With a lifetime score of 100 percent on the Conservation Scorecard and the endorsement of Colorado Conservation Voters, Rep. Pete Lee has proven his pro-environment record.

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Lee has a proven record in helping the community save energy and money, by working with his local school to improve energy efficiency, and by sponsoring Home Weatherization (HB11-1132), which assists homeowners in paying for energy-efficiency improvements.

Rep. Lee is the pro-environment candidate and deserves your vote.

— Faith Winter
Program director,
Colorado Conservation Voters

It's the Court, stupid

With all the hoo-hah and misdirection of this year's presidential campaign, it's real easy to lose sight of the most important numbers in the race. These numbers are 76 and 76, the ages of conservative Supreme Court Justices Scalia and Kennedy, both Reagan appointees.

If Romney wins, these two justices will be replaced by two more conservatives who will ensure that cases like *Citizens United* continue to be decided wrongly, in 5-4 votes. A vote for Romney is a vote in favor of a Supreme Court that ordered the state of Florida *not* to determine who really won the election. Such a vote is also a vote that states don't have the right to regulate medical marijuana, but do have the right to intrude on reproductive freedom. But most importantly, a vote for Romney is a vote to ensure that *Citizens United* never gets overturned, and to insure that eventually corporations will rule this nation.

So if you think that a vote for Romney is a vote for good ol' American values like freedom and democracy, then you are deluded and/or ignorant.

— Gina Douglas
Colorado Springs

Mystified

How does a candidate for president manage to have support among voters who dutifully pay their taxes and follow the rules while he maintains secret overseas bank accounts and invests hundreds of his millions in foreign countries?

How does a candidate who made his fortune by stripping American companies of capital, then closing them down and shipping their jobs overseas earn the trust of American voters concerned about their own job futures?

How do Americans who lost so much of their retirement savings during the 2008 financial crisis relate to a man who made millions from the auto industry bailout by transferring business activity to his wife's name while pretending to have his investments in a blind trust?

And in the end, how can so many voters want a Republican government so badly they're willing to elect a cardboard cutout to the most powerful office in the world?

— Jerry Newsom
Colorado Springs

Correction

MaryAnn Johanson's *Paranormal Activity 4* review last week ("No fear," Film) indicated that screenwriters Christopher Landon and Chad Feehan weren't involved in prior *Paranormal Activity* projects. Landon did have a hand in the second and third movies in the series. We regret the error.

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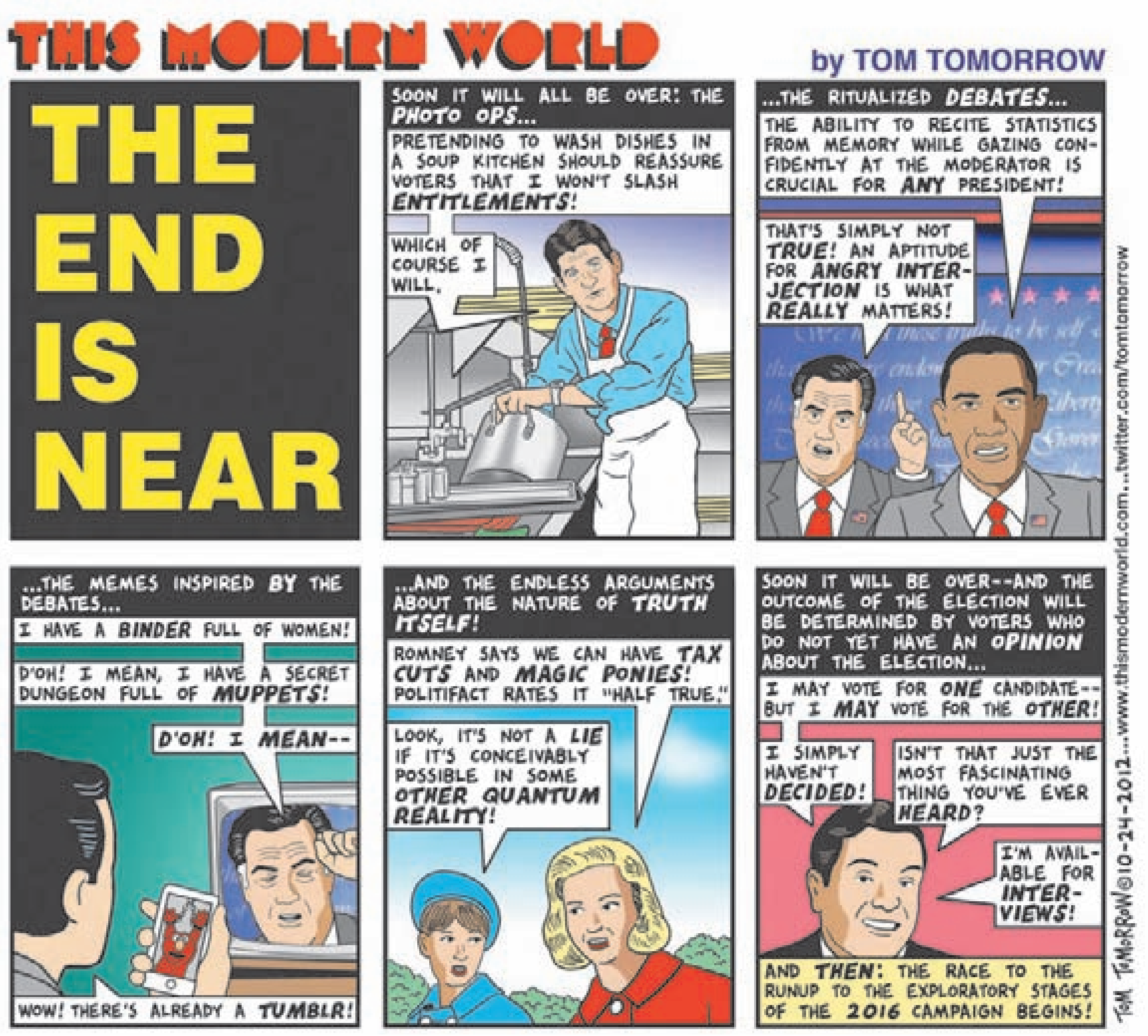
For more civic and volunteer opportunities, see Listings on p. 83.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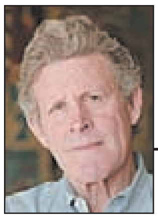

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By John Hazlehurst

No room for poor folks

Here's a question posed by **Nicholas Carnes** in a recent *New York Times* op-ed piece:

"Why do so few elections feature candidates who have worked in blue-collar jobs? The working class is the backbone of our society, a majority of our labor force and 90 million people strong. ... Since the 1980s, the number of state legislators whose primary occupations are working-class jobs has fallen from 5 percent to 3 percent. In City Councils, fewer than 10 percent of members have blue-collar day jobs."

Our elected officials appear to fit the national mold. No member of City Council is a working stiff, nor are any of our local state legislators. Remember the jump-rope chant?

"Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor / Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Thief / Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief!"

There are doctors, lawyers and soldiers, but no tinkers or tailors. Well-off, middle-class folks, but no poor people. No Indian chiefs, now that **Ben Nighthorse Campbell** is gone. No beggar men (unless begging for campaign contributions counts) and no thieves (unless doing the bidding of your contributors counts).

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By my count during the past decade, two working-class guys served on Council. **Charles Wingate** was elected in 2001, **Tom Gallagher** in 2003. Gallagher, who proudly noted that he was so poor that he slept under a bridge when he first came to town, held office for eight years. He was irascible and straightforward, rarely in step with the go-along-to-get-along majority.

Wingate never alluded to his poverty, but he clearly found it difficult to make a living. He was forced out of office and eventually jailed for using a city-issued credit card to pay for pizzas.

Thanks in part to generous friends and supporters, Gallagher managed to keep it together. It wasn't easy for him, just as it wouldn't be easy for any blue-collar worker to serve on Council. The job pays $6,250 annually, and requires that you spend about 20 hours each week on city-related work.

Pocket-change salary? Unless you're retired, independently wealthy or have a well-paid spouse to support your governing addiction, forget it.

County Commissioner **Dennis Hisey** is a blue-collar guy who probably would find it difficult to serve without a salary. Luckily for him and fellow commissioners, the job pays a princely $87,300 annually.

Yet money is only part of the reason that working-class people so rarely get elected to office. It's easy enough to run — but winning is another thing. Successful candidates tend to be ambitious self-promoters. They may have working-class origins, but they seldom stay in their parents' worlds.

Many share a common political philosophy. Let's call it **Ayn Rand** Lite, a curious blend of **Malthus**, **Darwin**, Old Testament and Christianity.

From the Rev. **Thomas Robert Malthus** comes the idea that the poverty of lower classes is their own fault — laziness, promiscuity and moral turpitude lead the poor to ruin. Malthus argued that government-funded charity caused poverty, rather than alleviating it. Want to help the poor? Cut off government payments, let private charity step in, and all will be well.

Social Darwinism makes it easy to believe that worldly success is a mark of inherent superiority. The 47 percent are just society's excess baggage, stowaways along for the ride, takers not makers.

And then there's the God of the Old Testament, a God of wrath and revenge. Keep your head down, live righteously, and you'll be OK. If others are smitten by the terrible swift sword, that's their problem.

Yet the fundamental tenets of Christianity are in tension with the instinctive beliefs of our governing class. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

We assume nowadays that ambitious strivers, whatever their politics, want to exit the working class. But between 1945 and 1975, the economy created secure, well-paid jobs throughout the country. Sons followed their fathers, working for solid, well-capitalized, locally owned businesses.

That America has vanished, crushed by globalization, sclerotic unions, predatory plutocrats and feckless wars. It's not coming back soon — and in the meantime, don't expect a lot of blue-collar workers to run for office.

They're trying to pay the rent, feed their families, and keep their jobs.

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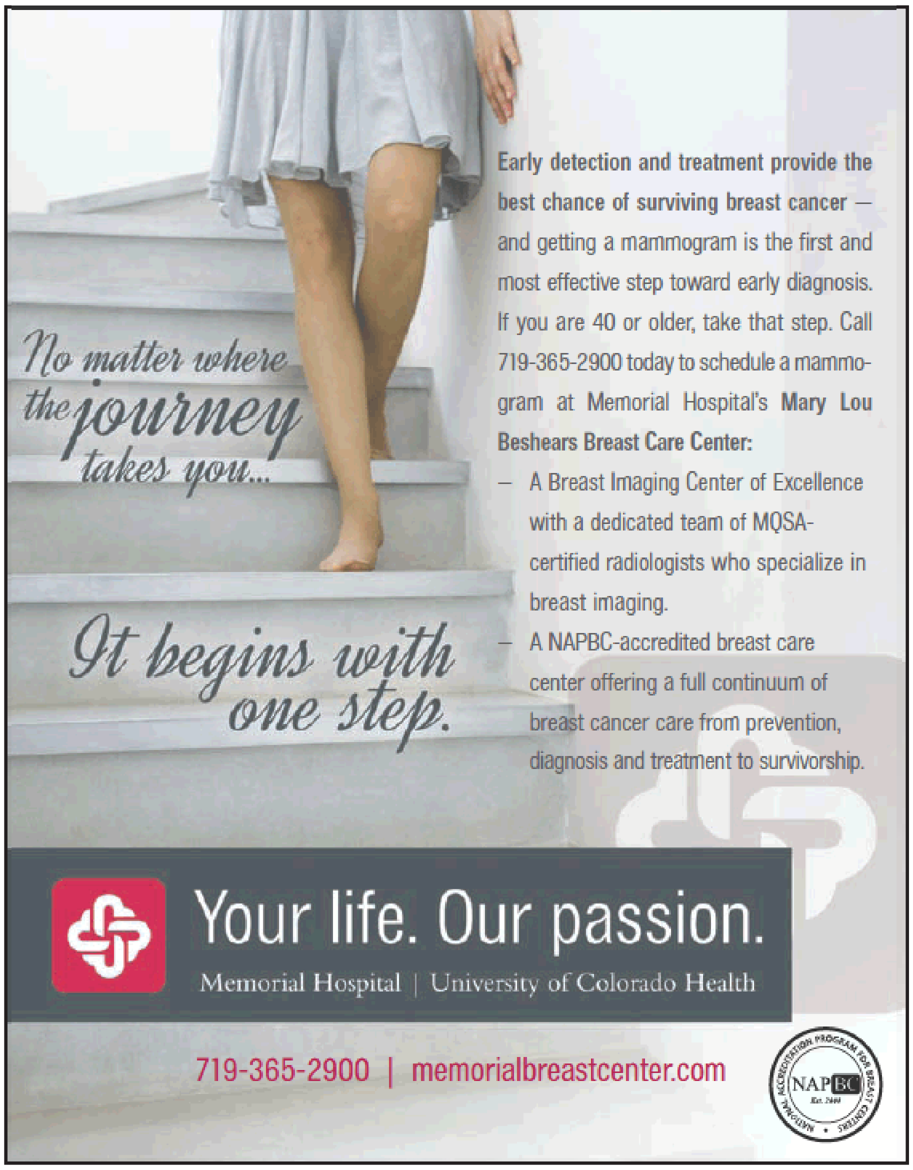

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What is, what could be

We pretty much agree that Colorado Springs is a great place to live. Most of us, though, would tweak it in one way or another.

Sid Nichols of ***Manitou Springs*** is a ***social worker***

How do family and friends from elsewhere view Colorado Springs? As a very right-wing, evangelical-type place.

Does that match your experience living here? I tend to stay pretty much in Manitou Springs and the downtown area and west side of Colorado Springs. In those locales, my experience is great.

Who or what would you import to the Springs? Bob Dylan. Or maybe Bill Maher.

What or who would you export? Focus on the Family.

What's the first thing you'd do if you were mayor? Improve our public transportation system.

Michael Parker of ***Old Colorado City*** is ***retired***

How do people you know from elsewhere view Colorado Springs? Everybody I know loves the majesty of the landscape, but they view us as extremely conservative, politically.

Does that view match your experience living here? I enjoy Colorado Springs nature-wise, but I agree — this is an extremely conservative community.

Who would you import to Colorado Springs if you could? People with a more middle-road view of the world.

What would be your first act as mayor? Improve the infrastructure of older neighborhoods and put some money into parks, into things that make us unique and beautiful.

Sarah Garrett of ***downtown*** is an ***elementary school teacher***

How do people you know from elsewhere view Colorado Springs? As an amazing place to live. They're all jealous.

Does that view jibe with your experience? Pretty much. We moved here five years ago because we like outdoor things, like camping and hiking.

Is there a business or organization you'd like to come here? There's a place in Texas called Alamo Drafthouse that's a movie theater, but you can order beer and food, too. Besides new-run movies, they do theme movies and food on various occasions — like *Nightmare on Elm Street* on Halloween.

Whom or what in Colorado Springs would you send somewhere else? Closed-minded people and bad drivers.

What would your first act as mayor be? We had a baby recently, so I'd make all sidewalks have ramps that make them accessible for baby strollers and wheelchairs.

— Bob Campbell

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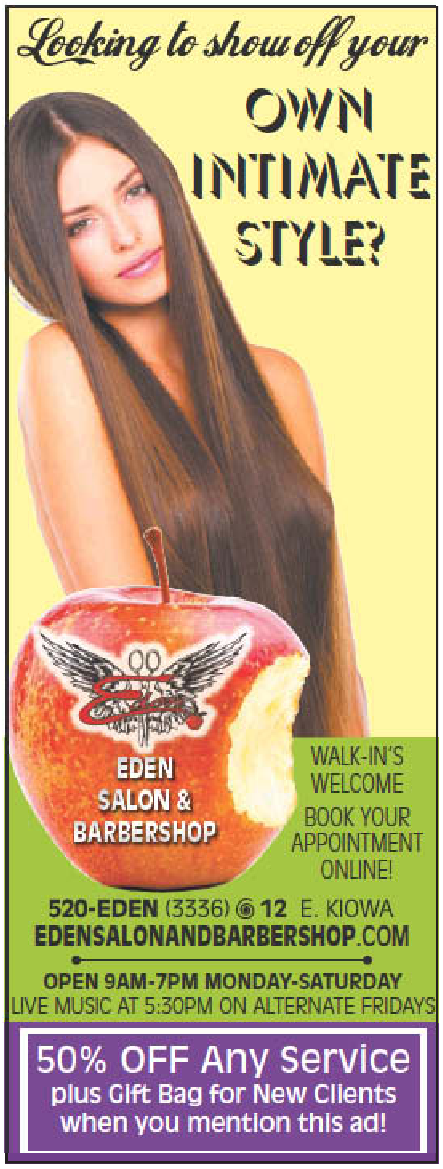
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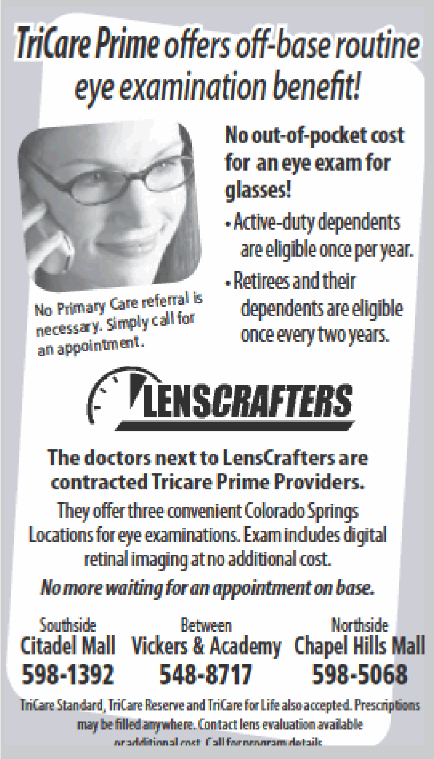
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YourTurn

By Scott Hente

Utilities' trial by fire

It is 6 p.m. on June 23, 2012. The Waldo Canyon Fire has been raging throughout the day and now threatens the Cedar Heights neighborhood. The decision is made to make a stand at the utility service road on the north and west sides of the subdivision, and to create a large defensible space.

Colorado Springs Utilities employees, to include CSU's own Wildland Fire Team (made up of employee volunteers who are "red card"-certified firefighters), begin to bring in bulldozers and other heavy equipment. With flames licking at them and their equipment, the CSU employees begin creating a fire line. This effort continues throughout the night, constructing a three-mile line between homes in the community and the burning forest. The fire is effectively halted at this "dozer line," saving dozens of homes.

Fast-forward to 5:26 p.m. on June 26. Multiple fires are erupting throughout the Mountain Shadows neighborhood. And just when the Colorado Springs Fire Department and other firefighting agencies need it most, the Wilson water tank, located at the top of Mountain Shadows and supplying water to all the fire hydrants in the community, loses power due to severe fire damage to the overhead electrical wires and the underground service shorting out.

> **Would a private utility have been as responsive and committed?**

Although hydrants in the lower parts of Mountain Shadows continue to receive water as a result of being gravity-fed, the upper part of the neighborhood loses pressure to the hydrants. And the fire's intensity in upper Mountain Shadows continues to grow.

At this same time, members of the CSU Wildland Fire Team (whose logs and personal recollections allow me to reconstruct this narrative) are actively engaged with the Colorado Springs Fire Department in trying to save as many homes as possible. Because the CSU team includes employees who encompass all utility disciplines, there are electrical and water experts within the various four-person firefighter teams. One such team is directed, by the Incident Command Post, to try and reach the water tank and restore power to it.

Having only the equipment and limited water supply in their brush truck as their sole means of protection, this four-person team attempts to reach the water tank. Three times they are driven back by the fire's intensity, but on the fourth time they reach the tank. With homes burning around them, they finally restore power at 7:54 p.m. and, once again, firefighting efforts resume in upper Mountain Shadows.

Now, fast-forward to the present. Certain members of our city think there might be some value in selling all or part of Colorado Springs Utilities to a private entity. Forget that in 2009, the Sustainable Funding Committee (with a cross-section of private citizens) recommended against that. And forget that the same committee said:

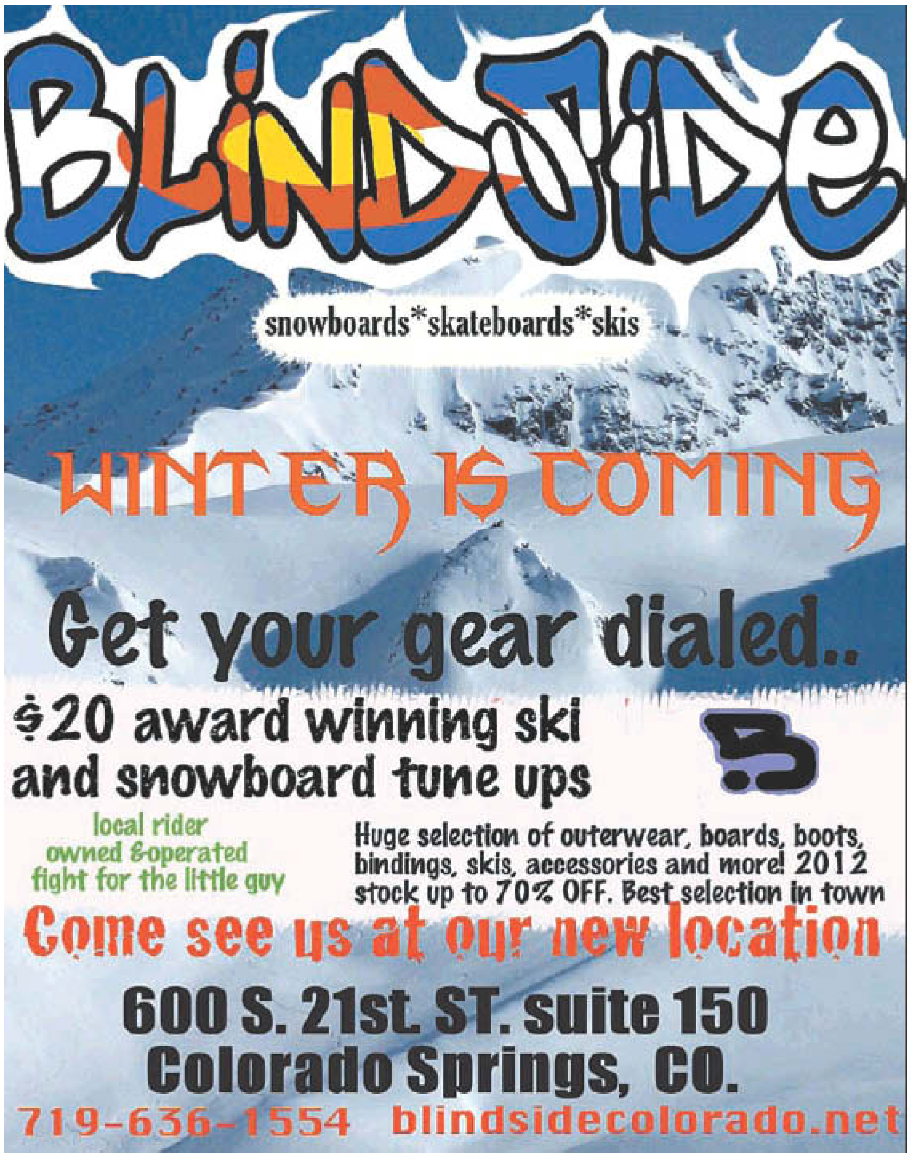
"Regardless of the net amount realized through sale of Colorado Springs Utilities to an IOU [Investor Owned Utility], it is not considered adequate compensation for the loss of control of the asset by the City and the potential 30-40 percent rate increase following the sale."

Forget all of that. Just ask yourself, would a private utility or collection of utility companies have been as responsive as our own municipally owned utility was on June 23 and June 26? Would a private utility have had the cross-section of employees that our own four-service utility had within the Wildland Fire Team? And would a private utility have been as committed to battling through a hellish firestorm to create a fire line, or get to the water tank to restore service?

Our municipally owned utility company provides an intrinsic value to this community. And when someone says that our city might make a few bucks out of selling CSU, remind them of the hundreds of homes saved on June 23 and 26 (including mine) because CSU bulldozer crews worked through a nightmare of a night, creating a fire line. Or that four CSU employees managed to break through a raging fire and perform an absolute act of heroism in restoring electric service to the water tank.

And please remind them that the hundreds of homes saved also have a value.

Scott Hente, a member of Colorado Springs City Council since 2003, currently serves as president of Council and thus the Colorado Springs Utilities board of directors.



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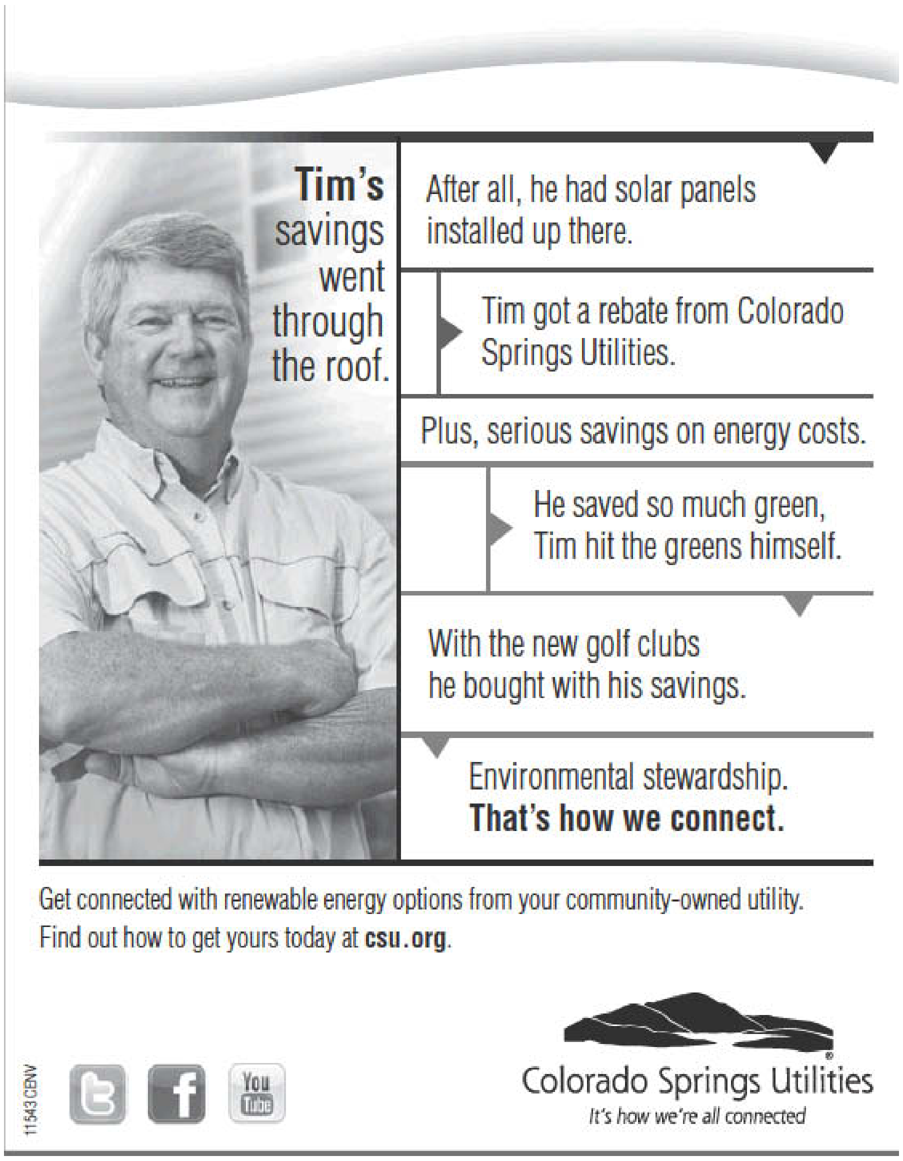

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NationalView

By Samantha Bee

The GOP's feminine mystique

Did you know that science can teach you all sorts of amazing things about how the world works and why it works that way and how the dinosaurs probably all had feathers? Did you know that it can also teach you things that you never wanted to know and now not-so-secretly wish you didn't?

I am referring to a recent study out of the UCLA Department of Psychology that determined that the women of the Grand Old Party have more feminine faces than those of their female Democratic colleagues. In conducting the study, researchers analyzed the faces of the House of Representatives in the 111th Congress based on objective measures of feminine facial structure. The faces were then rated according to gender-typical femininity, and shown to undergraduate students, who (in exchange for course credit) were asked to judge which political party they thought each face was affiliated with. The students guessed correctly with surprising accuracy.

The resulting data suggested that the more conservative a female politician is, the more likely her face will conform to subtleties that are considered typically feminine. The flip side being that more liberal female politicians tend to have less-feminine facial structures.

> **Scientists have just given us the green light to judge a book by its cover.**

As in: They're more masculine, I guess. As in: terrific.

Who's prettier?

The researchers call it the "Michele Bachmann Effect." Funny, but that's exactly how I refer to the tingly feeling that overtakes me when I read or hear something so profoundly ridiculous that I briefly consider living the rest of my life in monkish isolation on a mountaintop with only the cold wind for companionship.

A recent study says Michele Bachmann's face is more 'sex-typical' then her fellow Democratic congresswomen's.

Listen, anybody who has ever attended the Democratic National Convention knows that Democratic women prefer flats over heels, by an estimated ratio of 10 to 1. After all, if the sensible shoe fits ... but this is anecdotal. It's the type of research done after three days of being yelled at on the convention floor by people in 10-gallon hats, with only a steady diet of Coke Zero and SunChips to keep you upright. You're punchy. Who can blame you for slumping on the floor outside a women's washroom and counting people's feet as they go by?

But this UCLA study contains measurable scientific data collected by actual professional scientists who have just basically given us the green light to go ahead and judge a book by its cover. And though the data offered no evidence as to the relative "attractiveness" of either party's representatives (as the face-modeling software controlled for superficial markers like makeup and hairstyles), why would that stop anyone from conflating gender typicality with sex appeal? The answer is ha ha, of course it wouldn't, but I adore your innocence.

I can't figure out which part of this story is the most unforgivably retro. Is it the part where the Internet is flooded by a tsunami of bickering over which political party has the "prettier" members of Congress and/or prettier voters? Followed by smug accusations of sour grapes, actual sour grapes and finally resentful grumbling by lots of women in comfort clogs, maybe even including me? (It's none of your business, but I require them for the back support. Take it easy, I have a doctor's note.)

Or is it the part that suggests that a key factor in the electability and, dare I say, presence of a female politician on a national stage can be dependent on something as random as the placement of her eyebrows? Are there really subtle ways in which people would consider a woman suitable for office that are rooted in their visceral reaction to the width and prominence of her cheekbones? Well, probably.

All I know is that once I finished reading the study I'm pretty sure 1970s Burt Reynolds reached across the passenger seat of his Trans Am to give me a wink and a boob honk.

One-sided 'research'

Thankfully, the "sex typical" phenomenon applies only to female members of Congress. When it comes to male members of Congress, the results of the study are somewhat less conclusive.

So guys, feel free to go to work on behalf of your constituents without wondering for a second whether psych undergrads around the country are hotly debating whether or not you got hit at birth with an ugly stick. Don't you worry your pretty little man-heads about it.

In the end, of course, it's hard to know what the takeaway is for voters: What should bother us more — that a scholarly journal decided to float this information out into the pre-election maelstrom of partisan nastiness, or that some people will relish the findings and distribute the study as a voting guide?

Perhaps over time the answer — and the usefulness of this research — will reveal itself. But until that comes to pass, perhaps science could take a crack at something I can use right now, like time manipulation, since I can't help but yearn for the person I was before reading this study. The person not compelled to consider the possibility that her own facial structure could be construed as "mannish." By a certain light.

Samantha Bee is a correspondent at **The Daily Show.** *This piece originally ran in the* **New York Times.**

LowDown

By Jim Hightower

Election fraud blowback

Republican officials are having a major problem in their efforts to "ensure the integrity of the electoral process" by passing restrictive voter ID laws across the country.

The problem is this: Their own effort is completely devoid of integrity.

The real electoral fraud being perpetrated in America is the GOP's frantic claim that hordes of ineligible people are voting illegally. It just isn't true.

Indeed, despite all of their squawking, they've produced practically no cases of it happening anywhere. Nonetheless, they have produced a rash of show-me-your-papers voter ID requirements that are tainting the GOP with the sleazy legacy of voter suppression to pervert our nation's election results.

To their chagrin the courts have been rejecting, setting aside, or weakening every one of their repressive laws that have been challenged this year, including those in Florida, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

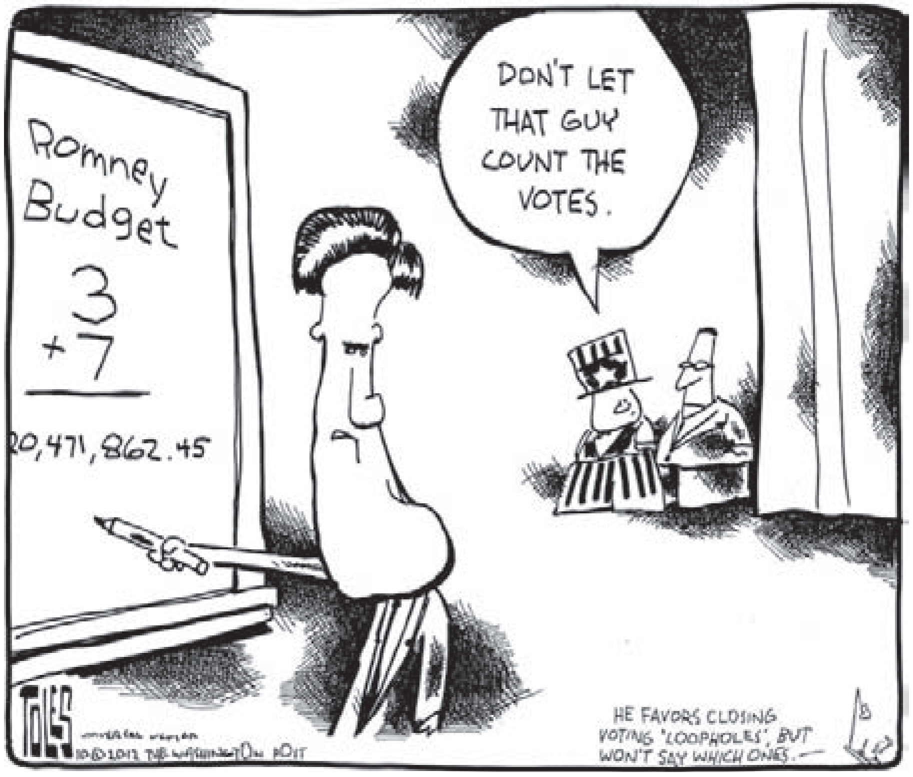
They have produced a rash of show-me-your-papers voter ID requirements.

However, their suppressionist claims might soon be validated by reports of a particularly scandalous outbreak of voter fraud in Colorado, Florida and Nevada.

Curiously, though, Republicans aren't jumping on this one. Perhaps that's because this fraud apparently has been committed by Nathan Sproul, one of their own top political operatives who's already been paid $3 million by the GOP for voter registration work this year in five states. Sproul, the former head of both the Arizona Republican Party and that state's Christian Coalition, is under investigation for — guess what? — tampering with the integrity of the electoral process. He and his company stand charged with putting false signatures and addresses on voter registration documents, registering dead people and switching people's party affiliations.

The lesson here is, if you're going to fight for integrity, make sure you have some.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of **Swim Against the Current: Even a Dead Fish Can Go With the Flow,** *on sale now from Wiley Publishing. For more information, visit jimhightower.com.*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Between the Lines

By Ralph Routon

Forums: time for a change

If you wanted to see what's wrong with pre-election activism these days in Colorado Springs, you needed only to be at Stargazers Theatre and Event Center on the night of Oct. 16.

Obviously, that's not enough information, because 99.9 percent of you *weren't* among the tiny — let's go ahead and call it embarrassingly tiny — group of people who came to the Citizens Project's election education forum.

From my vantage point as a media panelist on the stage, I counted 70 people in the audience, at most. If you took away the candidates themselves, speakers on ballot issues, campaign supporters and longtime (in other words, intractable) loyalists of both parties, the number of "regular" voters couldn't have numbered more than 20.

Out of almost 40 candidates invited, seven showed up.

It gets worse.

Candidates for the area's state legislative and county commissioner races were invited, meaning that nearly 40 could have taken part. But only seven candidates showed up, including exactly one Republican, incumbent Commissioner **Sallie Clark**. In the two hottest state Legislature contests, incumbent House District 17 Rep. **Mark Barker** (R) didn't come out to face opponent **Tony Exum Sr.** (D), and in HD 18, Rep. **Pete Lee** (D) made it, while challenger **Jennifer George** (R) blew it off.

It would have been a total farce, except for spirited debates on state Amendments 64 (legalizing marijuana) and 65 (calling for campaign-finance reform). Regardless, this so-called forum became a sad commentary on where we are now with pre-election events in El Paso County.

They don't matter anymore.

Understand, this is not a hatchet job on Citizens Project. Two decades after its formation, CP continues to serve a valuable purpose in the community, promoting (as noted on its website) "religious freedom through separation of church and state, equality and diversity, and civic engagement." The organization has tried sincerely to educate voters before elections, with forums as well as candidate questionnaires published to help voters make their decisions.

Unfortunately, though, many Republicans look at CP as a liberal entity, instead of nonpartisan. This year, most local GOP candidates also snubbed the Citizens Project questionnaire, with the exceptions of Clark and fellow Commissioner **Dennis Hisey**.

There's no sense in hand-wringing over this. It's worth acknowledging one well-attended legislative debate, sponsored by the local Forum for Civic Advancement, which attracted both Democrats and Republicans in the three seriously contested state House races. But that one, at the Penrose House's Garden Pavilion, involved e-mail invitations, and the 200 or so spectators were almost all civic leaders or activists of some kind.

What's the answer for everyday people? Or should we forget about forums?

I put that question to KOAA Channel 5 anchor **Rob Quirk**, who moderated that Penrose House gathering — along with many others in the past, including a mayoral event last year. In my view, he's easily the best at that role in our market.

"I think to a point they do still serve a purpose," Quirk says. "I believe that any time voters, either at the forum itself, or watching or listening in TV or radioland, can hear directly from people they are voting for or against, it's a good thing. But the formats of some of these do little to further the agenda. They promote too many canned answers, and really do a disservice to the voter. ... As a moderator, I feel that time is always the enemy, and you really can't go very deep, or do more follow-ups."

There's the challenge for Citizens Project and any other group trying to stage a credible forum in today's world. My suggestion: Start by looking at the Springs Vision Forum in our mayoral runoff of May 2011, which was put together by young professionals with strong online participation.

Asked about that option, Quirk says, "I think the online forum is a good idea, as a tool to get more feedback perhaps. But as you know, sometimes when you bring the voter or general public into some of these without a good screening process, it can get a little off course."

Granted, that would have to be addressed. But we have to try something new and different, which not only would be fresh and useful to voters, but also an event the candidates could not ignore.

That's the only way to save pre-election forums as we've known them.

Otherwise, they're dead.

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House District 18: Pete Lee (D)
House District 20: Bob Gardner (R)

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1A, El Paso County (increasing sales tax by 23 cents on every $100 spent, for sheriff's needs): YES
1B, El Paso County (reducing term limits for commissioners, other county officeholders): YES

State measures

Amendment 64 (marijuana decriminalization and taxing): YES
Amendment 65 (request to limit federal campaign contributions and spending): YES
Amendment S (giving preference to veterans in state personnel system): YES

City/municipality measures

2A, Calhan (more road and bridge maintenance): YES
2B, Manitou Springs (joining Pikes Peak Library District): YES
2C, Manitou Springs (directing pre-existing funding to parks): YES
2D, Fountain (building new fire station): YES

Special district measures

5A, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (sales-tax renewal for 2014-24): YES

News

Message machinations

City picks an odd way to share citizen commentary

By Pam Zubeck

Citizens who speak out can come in handy, as Mayor Steve Bach's administration demonstrated last week. When trying to make a point, a politician can nod to a statement of support and say, "Here's a regular Joe who agrees with me."

Or, in this case, a regular Marge. But Marge McCarthy isn't just a regular citizen.

Officials forwarded 'a positive report.'

At the crux of the issue are Bach's Oct. 12 letters to City Council, urging it (in its role as Colorado Springs Utilities board) to be more transparent with the enterprise's budget and adopt the reporting style Bach uses for the municipal budget.

"I offer these suggestions to you in the hope that a meaningful review by the Board and the public will occur before the CSU Budget is brought forward to City Council," Bach wrote.

The letters were sent to the media Oct. 15; within half an hour, former resident McCarthy e-mailed, supporting Bach's position. She complained about a high water bill for her Springs rental property and closed with, "I am grateful to Mayor Bach for being a Strong Mayor. The moniker fits and I like the changes that I have read about."

Her letter was sent to the media the next day. "I just felt it would be of some interest to the print report[er]s who have been writing about Utilities issues of late," later wrote Jarred Rego, a city spokesperson. Sure enough, the *Gazette* posted McCarthy's letter online with little explanation.

Here's the thing: When Marge McCarthy wrote that letter, she was an advertising and marketing consultant for Nor'Wood Development Group — though she's not anymore. (More on that later.)

Nor'Wood is owned by the Jenkins family. Longtime developer David Jenkins gave nearly $1 million to the strong-mayor charter change campaign in 2010. His wife Carolyn, and entities controlled by the Jenkins family, own land in the 100-acre Southwest Downtown Urban Renewal Area, which borders Utilities' Martin Drake Power Plant.

As the lead developer of the Southwest Downtown Urban Renewal Area, Chris Jenkins, David's son, is in a position to push the idea of a sports stadium, which Bach has indicated would be the centerpiece for lower downtown development. And Bach has championed a study to look into removing Drake, which would open up greater possibilities.

McCarthy tells the *Indy* she doesn't know anything about all that. She says she learned of Bach's letters to Council from the news releases, which she routinely receives as a marketing professional. Then she wrote to Bach because during her 25 years here, before she moved to Georgia two years ago, Utilities "ran the way they wanted to run without input from the public." She adds that there's "a lot of fat" in its budget — which she knows because she used to work for a utility in Cleveland.

City spokesperson Cindy Aubrey, who got McCarthy's permission to forward the letter, says her motive was to share "a positive report on the Mayor's performance."

But Beth Rosenson, author and University of Florida associate professor with a focus in political ethics, describes that practice as "heavy-handed" and "suspicious," considering the city failed to reveal McCarthy's ties to Nor'Wood.

"There's a clear conflict of interest," Rosenson says. "She has a financial incentive to support the mayor. It's ironic this whole thing is about transparency, and there's a lack of transparency in identifying who she is."

Then again, any such conflict ended when, after 10-plus years, Nor'Wood ended McCarthy's contract the day her letter went public. "I was told that was gone," she said last week.

Nor'Wood spokesman Ralph Braden contends the letter and her dismissal are "totally unrelated."

"We made the decision to bring our marketing in-house," Braden says, "so that timing is curious to you, but there's absolutely no nexus in that relationship. Nothing at all."

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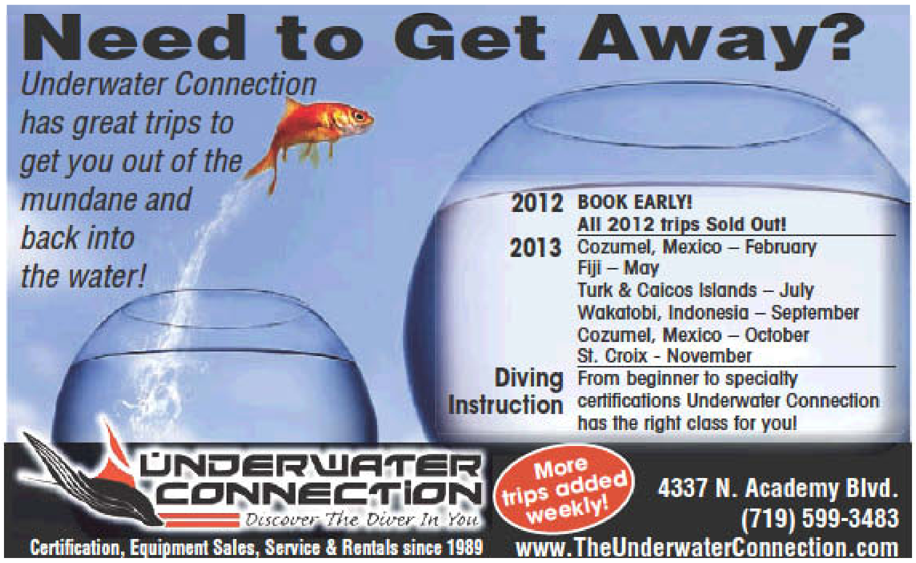
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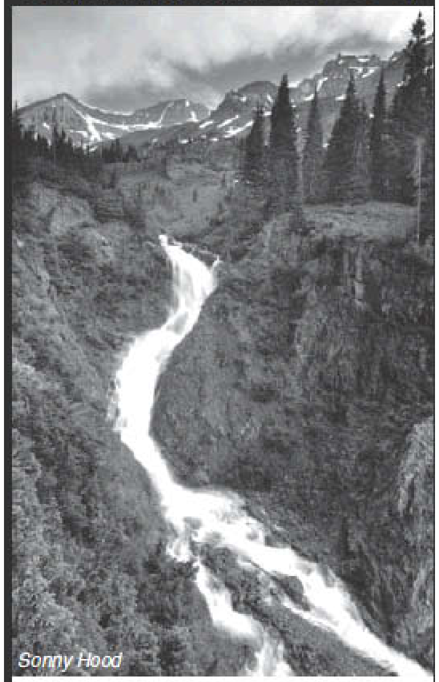

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News briefs from the Front Range

City releases Waldo review

In a 34-page initial after-action report on the Waldo Canyon Fire released Tuesday, the city of Colorado Springs outlines what went right and what could have gone better in the fire that swept into the city June 26, killing two people and destroying 345 homes. Among the topics covered: communications, planning, preparedness, logistics, responder safety, emergency public safety and security, evacuation, and public information.

As for the short-notice evacuation of Mountain Shadows, which triggered traffic jams as the fire approached, the city report says evacuation boundaries "were not always clear." One recommendation calls for first responders to "have immediate access to maps and decisions made regarding evacuations." Another: "Develop pre-scripted messages for evacuation and provide more detail in the messages."

In conclusion, the report calls the fire "a historic incident of epic proportions that taxed every aspect" of city response personnel.

The city pledges to continue analyzing the fire and to "work toward implementing the recommendations" outlined in the report. The full report is expected in the first quarter of 2013. — ***PZ***

Early voting under way

Through Nov. 2, you can vote early at four El Paso County Clerk and Recorder locations: the Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road; 5650 Industrial Place; Chapel Hills Mall, #350; and the Citadel Mall, southwest entrance, #2308.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays at the CSC and Powers offices, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., including Saturdays, at the malls.

Or, you can wait until Nov. 6 and go to the polls. To find your polling place, which might have changed since your last trip, go to car.elpasoco.com/Election/Pages/2012Elections.aspx.

If you think you should get a mail ballot but haven't, you can request one at the CSC, Chapel Hills office or at Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave. Because there have been six all-mail elections in the past four years, some voters might erroneously think they're automatically on the permanent mail-ballot list.

"We've been talking about it and trying to be proactive about that," Deputy Clerk and Recorder Alissa Vander Veen says. "We sent three different kinds of voter information cards." Your card will indicate whether you're on the permanent list. — ***PZ***

Urban Renewal report done

The city has completed its eight-month investigation of the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority, and its report makes a series of recommendations that would bring the independent group into the city fold.

Established in 1970, the Authority helps fund and finance projects in blighted areas. While its nine-member board is appointed by the mayor and approved by City Councilors, it is governed by Colorado statute and does not answer to the city on budget matters. Still, it cooperated with the city's investigation, which Mayor Steve Bach called for after several run-ins with board members.

The city report found defaulted bonds — more than were previously known of, though not enough to risk overall URA or city default — for the University Village shopping center project, and disorganization in regard to fees for the Ivywild School project.

But perhaps most telling were suggested "areas where the City and URA can work together to improve the efforts of URA, to use resources more efficiently, and to promote coordinated, effective, and successful urban development in our community," as Bach put it in a release.

Included in those recommendations: The URA should use free space in the City Administration Building; city staff should perform work for the URA; and the URA and the city should have combined long-term development plans.

The city did not immediately respond to requests for the cost of the investigation, but it did hire outside help from Hogan Lovells, a firm often used by City Attorney Chris Melcher, to do the work. — ***JAS***

Wind power for sale

Colorado Springs Utilities, which earlier this year was denied Council's go-ahead on purchasing 50 megawatts of wind power, is now offering a 13-megawatt wind program with partnering organization Xcel Energy.

Deb Mathis, Utilities program manager, calls it a "compromise" to accommodate those who wish to support green energy without "putting the burden" of rate hikes on everyone. "If you can show City Council that the community wants more renewables," she says, "then they'd be more apt to agree to something like that in the future."

Utilities seeks business owners and residents willing to buy 100-kilowatt-hour blocks at $1.24 each to offset some or all of their coal energy usage. (To be clear: You pay your full monthly bill, then an additional charge for the wind offset, with cancellation available at any time.) Delivering and billing is scheduled to begin in January.

Call 448-4800 for an assessment of your current coal-powered usage and to reserve wind blocks; the program is thus far 50 percent funded, with some 43,000 blocks remaining to be spoken for. — ***MS***

Compiled by Matthew Schniper, J. Adrian Stanley and Pam Zubeck. For more briefs, see csindy.com.

Courtesy Colorado Springs Utilities

Million-dollar mouthpiece

A Denver communications expert has made out quite nicely on Colorado Springs Utilities' water pipeline project.

Paid $1.14 million since 2007, Sigler Communications will receive up to $100,000 more next year for its information-handling role in the Southern Delivery System that's to deliver water to Colorado Springs beginning in 2016.

Spanning more than 50 miles across Pueblo and El Paso counties, the nearly $1 billion project has required interaction with 10 local, state and federal agencies, says Utilities spokesperson Janet Rummel.

"Effective communications with these agencies has been critical for obtaining and maintaining the required approvals to continue moving the project forward," she says in a statement. Utilities has one employee dedicated to telling the SDS story to such agencies, plus media, ratepayers and others; contracting with Sigler, Rummel says, prevents Utilities from having to hire additional employees.

But it's not just information that Sigler provides. Under a contract executed in 2010, Sigler was expected to build and solidify the base of support for SDS, get endorsers' permission to use their names in public materials, and "promote media interaction that positions the project positively." Sigler helped develop and continues to update a website, sdswater.org, as a central clearinghouse for project information for the public and contractors.

The need for outside help with SDS is declining; next year's sum is the smallest since Sigler was paid $46,716 in 2007, the contract's first year. But Rummel adds, "There's always going to be the ongoing component of reaching out to the regulatory agencies." One such example is the realignment of Fountain Creek south of Colorado Springs, to be undertaken in the next year or two.

"We need input from property owners to make sure we're not inadvertently having an impact on their property," Rummel says.

Sigler originally got involved as a subcontractor of the CH2M Hill engineering firm, but later got its own deal. The company has worked on communications around projects including a Superfund cleanup in Leadville, and contamination from the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant.

— Pam Zubeck

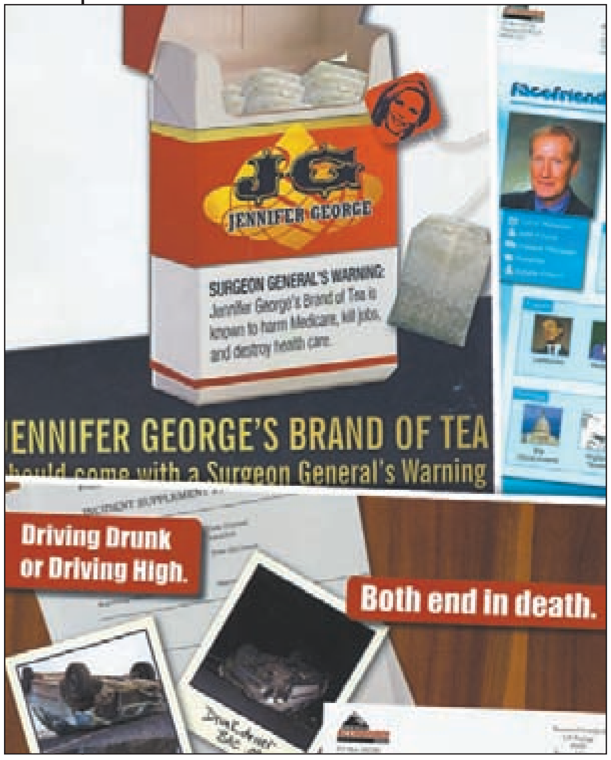
Junk science

Political groups take truckloads of money and misrepresentations to your mailbox

By Chet Hardin

"Because of Pete Lee's vote, someone's loved one is more likely to be killed this weekend on our highways."

So reads the grim political mailer sent to Colorado House District 18. Accompanying this statement are pictures of two upended cars, supposedly driven by drug-addled drivers.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House District 18: Another day, another mailer.

If you live in HD 17 or 18, El Paso County's two competitive state House districts, you've likely been inundated by similar messages. And if you've glanced them over before throwing them away, you've been treated to some far-fetched claims.

As Election Day approaches, a number of political committees are throwing hundreds of thousands of dollars behind their attack campaigns. At stake, they believe, is control of the state House of Representatives, where Republicans currently hold a one-seat advantage.

Here's a look at two of the most vociferous political groups playing ball: Colorado Citizens for Accountable Government and the Colorado Accountable Government Alliance Independent Expenditure Committee.

Seizing on the record ...

Colorado Citizens for Accountable Government is a registered 527 political organization that's raised $550,000 and spent $470,000 this election season. The vast majority of this money has come from the Republican State Leadership Committee, a national 527 based in Washington, D.C.

It's impossible to see exactly how much CCAG has spent on individual races. As Luis Toro with nonprofit watchdog Colorado Ethics Watch points out, 527s are spared many disclosure requirements because they're limited in what they can say. They can't urge, for example, that you vote for a specific candidate.

Instead, a group like CCAG will just say that in HD 18, Lee is complicit in "robbing seniors of $716 billion," and pushing to raise property taxes by $46 million.

The property-tax increase that the Democrat "pushed for," Lee himself explains, references a letter to the editor he wrote before he was a legislator, supporting a 2009 city ballot measure. As for "robbing seniors," that recalls his vote against a Republican-sponsored House resolution urging Congress to amend the U.S. Constitution to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"It was purely a partisan political maneuver to get people on the record" on health care, Lee says of the resolution, "so that they could use it in these mailers."

In another mailer from CCAG, Lee's vote against a bill that would institute a legal limit for driving while impaired by marijuana is described as "putting our families' lives in danger."

Lee argues that the bill, as written, set as a delineation of impairment 5 nanograms of THC in a driver's system. And yet "there was a guy who was tested who had 24 nanograms in his system, and he wasn't found to be impaired, so the science just isn't there to support it."

In fact, that's what's ultimately killed the bill — drawing even some Republican dissent — for two years running.

... or whatever's around

On the other side in the HD 18 race is the Colorado Accountable Government Alliance Independent Expenditure Committee, which is firing away at Republican Jennifer George. It's funded solely by the Colorado Accountable Government Alliance, which receives donations from large corporations such as Wal-Mart and Xcel Energy, as well as from state and national unions and other political committees.

As an independent expenditure committee, it enjoys more editorial freedom, but must file more detailed disclosures. So Secretary of State documents reveal that of the $1.2 million it's spent this election season, more than $225,000 has been on El Paso County races.

Bill Roy, COO of the local Republican Party, points out that as a political neophyte, George doesn't have a voting record to attack. With a clean past, too, what Democratic supporters are left with is "Politics 101: Go negative and hope for the best."

One mailer claims George will cut taxes for the super-wealthy. The evidence? She spoke at the rally for Republican vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan.

Another mailer screams: "We don't need any more TEA PARTY EXTREMISM," claiming that George will cut Medicare, "kill jobs" and "destroy health care."

George points out that as a state legislator, she couldn't do any of those things.

"They assume a lot of ignorance on the part of the voters, and that's why I find them so disturbing," she says of the mailers. "They are intended to cause confusion ... and that's wrong."

It's the same in House District 17, where Democratic challenger Tony Exum has been targeted by Colorado Citizens for Accountable Government for "planning to raise your taxes on gasoline, property, car registration, Social Security and small business," according to Exum's campaign manager, Karen Teja. Meanwhile, Exum's opponent, incumbent Republican Rep. Mark Barker, has seen himself portrayed as hostile to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

"It's ludicrous, first, because a state representative doesn't get to change federal law," he says. "But then the other side of it, I have been very vocal about wanting to keep the promises we've made [on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid]."

The attacks appear to draw upon stereotypes, and Barker says they're out of line.

"This just preys on people's fear," he says. "There are enough people out there who are afraid right now, just because of the general tenor of the economy. I think that it is cruel to add more fear to that."

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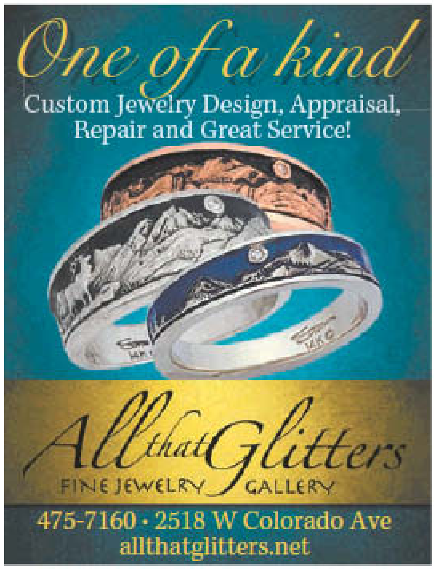
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High hopes for cocaine

Local Parkinson's patients start to benefit from a new test using the party drug

By J. Adrian Stanley

If you hear "cocaine" and think of junkies smoking crack in squalid apartments, or of downward-spiraling rock stars, this may come as a shocker.

A cocaine-based drug is being used in doctors' offices around the world, including one large Pikes Peak area practice. And it's helping a lot of sick people.

The drug's medical re-emergence has been a cautious one. (And it is a *re-emergence,* as cocaine was used as a painkiller and treatment option for everything from toothaches to wound-healing until around the turn of the 20th century.) This is no medical marijuana. Nor does the situation resemble that of the club drug ketamine, now seen as a promising treatment for depression.

The DaTscan lights up parts of the brain, enabling easier evaluation of neurodegenerative disorders.

Brienne Boortz

Instead, doctors are using extremely small doses of radioactive cocaine analogue to "light up" dopamine receptors in patients' brains, allowing for easier diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

At Colorado Springs Health Partners, the only city practice using the newly approved DaTscan test, doctors like radiologist Pio Hocate and neurologist Brian Grabert say they're helping patients get treatment faster, and prolonging their lives. The test is also helping them rule out the serious neurodegenerative disease for others. But, because of modern drug laws, the DaTscan has met with challenges with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

"We've had to go through a lot of hoops," Hocate notes.

Motor trends

Hocate and Grabert bend over a computer screen, where orange-and-black images of brains look like a Halloweenish Andy Warhol work.

"That's abnormal; that's normal," Grabert says, pointing at two scans, one more lit-up than the other.

Grabert, who's been in practice since 1980, explains that when people develop Parkinson's — probably most widely known for affecting actor Michael J. Fox — they stop producing a normal level of the neurotransmitter dopamine. Most of us know dopamine as something that makes us feel good, and wards off depression. But dopamine is also the main chemical that charges our motor system.

A new Parkinson's patient produces about 70 percent less dopamine than the average person, leading to motor problems and, at times, dementia. People often live for 20 years with the disease before dying of a complication, like a fall or infection.

Early on, the National Parkinson's Foundation notes, patients show as many as four telltale symptoms: a tremor, slowness of movement, stiffness and trouble with balance.

Doctors once had to diagnose Parkinson's based on these symptoms alone, a tricky business since other diseases and abnormalities like harmless "essential tremor" or the beginnings of dementia often mimic Parkinson's. Usually, doctors who suspect Parkinson's put patients on treatment with drugs that mimic dopamine in their bodies. If symptoms subside, the patient is assumed to have Parkinson's.

The method usually works, but not always. Some Parkinson's patients don't respond well to medication; others who don't have Parkinson's may seem to improve with the drugs.

"The diagnosis of Parkinson's is not always 100 percent accurate on a clinical basis," Grabert says. "In fact, much less than that."

The DaTscan was meant to help people who stump neurologists, Hocate says, by ruling out many conditions that present like Parkinson's. "It's really a problem-solving tool," he explains.

For the DaTscan, a patient is injected with iodine and the radioactive cocaine analogue mixture, then scanned. The cocaine lights up the caudate and putamen, parts of the brain that contain the neurotransmitters for dopamine. In a normal scan, these two parts look like twin commas; in a person with Parkinson's, they often look more like periods.

Change agents

In January 2011, GE Healthcare's DaTscan (generically called Ioflupane I 123 Injection) became the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved diagnostic imaging agent to help doctors evaluate neurodegenerative movement disorders like Parkinson's.

It was a breakthrough, and pioneering practices began seeking approval from the DEA to use it. Since roughly 1 percent of people over 65 will get Parkinson's (plus a small number of younger people), it looked likely that large offices in large- to mid-sized cities could make use of the technology.

CSHP, which with 10 locations is the largest physician-owned, multi-specialty practice in the state, applied to carry the drug early in 2012. But it took five months to get approval, despite the DaTscan using so little cocaine that it can't get a person high.

Over those five months, Grabert estimates, he had as many as 12 patients on whom he would have liked to use the test. Since being approved to carry the DaTscan in September, CSHP has tested five patients. All but one had Parkinson's, and it's notable that the odd man out was about to go into surgery for Parkinson's, during which he would have had deep brain stimulation. That involves hooking a "brain pacemaker" onto the brain, and shooting it with electrical signals.

"If you don't need that..." Hocate says with a laugh.

So far, the doctors note that their patients' various insurance companies have covered the $2,500 test for patients. But even if underinsured or uninsured, Parkinson's patients referred by a neurologist may want to take the test. Parkinson's medications can cost a bundle — Grabert knows one of the drugs is $900 out-of-pocket a month — and, of course, they won't work for a non-Parkinson's patient. Plus, a patient may have a different condition that could be helped with early treatment.

Says Hocate, who's been in practice since 2001: "You don't want to be treated for something you don't have."

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Top 3 vote-getting categories in Daylife

Movie Theater	1617
Tourist Destination	1258
Fitness Center	1185

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Top 3 vote-getting categories in Personalities

Radio Station - Music	1715
Hero of the year	1497
Nonprofit Organization	1415

After last week's rundown of the finest in Food, Drink and Nightlife, you've made it to Best Of, Volume 2: Shopping, Services, Daylife and Personalities. Your tour guides this week, as last, will be Edie Adelstein, Kirsten Akens, Sonja Bjelland, Kathy Conarro, Bryce Crawford, Bill Forman, Chet Hardin, Steve Hitchcock, Debbie Kelley, Kendall Kullman, Kiki Lenihan, Darcie Mankell, Wyatt Miller, Ralph Routon, Matthew Schniper, J. Adrian Stanley, Claire Swinford, Rhonda Van Pelt, Kirk Woundy, Bret Wright, Celine Wright and Pam Zubeck. And not to be forgotten, the photographers who've captured a little taste of what makes these people and places special: Brienne Boortz, Bradley Flora, Casey Bradley Gent, Bryan Oller and Kin Scott.

TOURIST DESTINATION

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

1 NUMBER OF MOUNTAIN ZOOS IN THE U.S.A.

350 TOTAL TONS OF POOP PER YEAR PRODUCED BY FOUR OF THE ZOO'S AFRICAN ELEPHANTS

366 Days the zoo is open this year

1258 Total number of votes in this category

WOMEN'S FASHION/GIFTS

Terra Verde

30 ALL-TIME GOLD WINS

20 YEARS TERRA VERDE'S BEEN OPEN

Happy anniversary!

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NUMBER OF ITEMS FOR SALE AT TERRA VERDE AT ANY ONE TIME

4 Number of Golds in shopping categories this year

BEST*OLOGY

A study of the most outstanding people, places and things in the Pikes Peak Region

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Care and Share Food Bank

327 TOTAL NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS VOTED FOR IN THIS CATEGORY

537 Pounds of food grown in Care and Share's gardens this summer

POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED ANNUALLY **400000**

1600000 Pounds of food donated to Care & Share in response to the Waldo Canyon Fire

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Strawberry Fields

3 YEARS THEY'VE WON GOLD

EVERY YEAR SINCE THEY OPENED IN JUNE 2010

100 PERCENT COMPLETELY ORGANIC PRODUCTS SOLD AT STRAWBERRY FIELDS

40 Number of strains available at Strawberry Fields

51 dispensaries receiving votes this year

Top 3 vote-getting categories in Services

Bank/Credit Union	2348
Hair Salon	1824
Dentist	1661

Top 3 vote-getting categories in Shopping

Grocery Store	2995
Natural Foods Store	2233
Thrift Store	1603

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Winners Index

Shopping

Antique Store

1. American Classics Marketplace	**1815 N. Academy Blvd.**	**596-8585**	**p. 34**
2. Antique Gallery, Inc.	117 S. Wahsatch Ave.	633-6070	
(tie) Treasure Shoppe	324 Pikes Peak Ave.	465-1692	
3. Leasures Treasures	2801 W. Colorado Ave.	635-8539	

Bike Shop

1. Old Town Bike Shop	**426 S. Tejon St.**	**475-8589**	**p. 36**
2. Criterium Bicycles	6150 Corporate Drive	599-0149	
3. Ted's Bicycles	3016 N. Hancock Ave.	473-6915	

Computer Store

1. Apple Store	**1685 Briargate Pkwy., #315**	**522-4460**	**p. 35**
2. Best Buy	3150 New Center Point	597-9519	
	7675 N. Academy Blvd.	593-0414	
3. Mac Superstore	5020 N. Nevada Ave., #150	434-4770	

Ethnic Market

1. Asian Pacific Market	**615 Wooten Road, #160**	**573-7500**	**p. 33**
2. Briar Mart	1843 Briargate Blvd.	528-6869	
3. Carniceria Leonela	3736 E. Pikes Peak Ave.	637-2641	

Flower Shop

1. Platte Floral	**1417 E. Platte Ave.**	**632-2607**	**p. 31**
2. Skyway Creations	1407 S. Eighth St.	632-2662	
3. Flowerama	2801 E. Platte Ave.	475-1858	

Garden Supply/Nursery

1. Rick's Nursery/Rick's Garden Center	**600 N. 18th St. / 1827 W. Uintah St.**	**636-3085 / 632-8491**	**p. 31**
2. Spencer's Lawn & Garden Centers	1430 S. Tejon St.	632-2788	
	4720 Center Valley Drive, Fountain	392-2726	
3. Good Earth Garden Center	1330 N. Walnut St.	473-3399	

Gourmet/Spice Market

1. Penzeys Spices	**7431 N. Academy Blvd.**	**590-7771**	**p. 35**
	2010 Southgate Road	**475-7877**	
2. Organica Herb & Tea Co.	12 S. 25th St.	344-3213	
3. Savory Spice Shop	110 N. Tejon St.	633-8803	

Grocery Store

1. King Soopers	**Multiple locations**		**p. 35**
2. Safeway	Multiple locations		
3. Whole Foods Market	3180 New Center Point	622-1099	
	7635 N. Academy Blvd.	531-9999	

Jewelry Store

1. Jared, The Galleria of Jewelry	**1720 E. Woodmen Road**	**262-0701**	**p. 35**
2. Luisa Graff Jewelers	5901 N. Nevada Ave.	260-0100	
3. Kay Jewelers	1710 Briargate Blvd.	593-7002	
	750 Citadel Drive East, #2044	591-7416	

Local Sports Store/Outdoor Outfitter

1. Mountain Chalet	**226 N. Tejon St.**	**633-0732**	**p. 34**
2. REI	1376 E. Woodmen Road	260-1455	
3. Dick's Sporting Goods	3133 Cinema Point	638-3400	
	1710 Briargate Blvd.	264-1810	

Musical Instruments Store

1. Meeker Music	**113 E. Bijou St.**	**471-8940**	**p. 35**
	3604 Hartsel Drive	**534-9919**	
	6330 S. Hwy. 85/87	**391-8922**	
2. Guitar Center	535 N. Academy Blvd.	591-9040	
3. Graner Music	4460 Barnes Road	574-2001	

National Chain Store for Women's Fashions

1. Kohl's	**Multiple locations**		**p. 35**
2. Dillard's	760 Citadel Drive East	550-1159	
	1790 Briargate Blvd.	532-1400	
3. Macy's	1750 Briargate Blvd.	593-3333	

Natural Foods Store

1. Whole Foods Market	**3180 New Center Point**	**622-1099**	**p. 35**
	7635 N. Academy Blvd.	**531-9999**	
2. Sprouts	1730 Dublin Blvd.	590-8890	
3. Mountain Mama Natural Foods	1625 W. Uintah St.	633-4139	

New & Used Video Games Store

1. GameStop	**Multiple locations**		**p. 35**
2. Entertainmart	651 N. Academy Blvd.	380-8580	
3. Independent Records	Multiple locations		

Shopping

New Domestic Car Dealer

1. Phil Long Ford	**1565 Auto Mall Loop**	**266-3301**	**p. 36**
	1212 Motor City Drive	**888/524-1984**	
2. Al Serra North Chevrolet	1570 Automall Loop	387-1085	
Al Serra South Chevrolet	230 N. Academy Blvd.	888/336-3816	
3. Red Noland Cadillac	990 Motor City Drive	896-2722	

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New Foreign Car Dealer

1. Heuberger Motors	**1080 Motor City Drive**	**475-1920**	**p. 37**
2. Bob Penkhus Automotive	Multiple locations		
3. Freedom Honda	4955 New Car Drive	888/572-5271	
(tie) Larry Miller Toyota	15 E. Motor Way	866/778-3304	

Non-Chain Book Store

1. Poor Richard's Bookstore	**320 N. Tejon St.**	**578-0012**	**p. 34**
2. Black Cat Books	513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	685-1589	
3. Hooked on Books	3918 Maizeland Road	596-1621	

Non-Chain Furniture Store

1. Platte Furniture	**2331 E. Platte Place**	**633-7309**	**p. 35**
2. American Furniture Warehouse	2805 Chestnut St.	633-4220	
3. American Furniture Galleries	3212 E. Platte Ave.	632-6621	
(tie) Woodley's Fine Furniture	5655 N. Academy Blvd.	531-7250	

Non-Chain Store for Women's Fashions

1. Terra Verde	**208 N. Tejon St.**	**444-8621**	**p. 33**
2. Eve's Revolution	1312 W. Colorado Ave.	633-1357	
3. 14+ Upscale Rethreads	5711 Constitution Ave.	570-7779	

Place for Eyewear

1. ABBA Eyecare	**Multiple locations**		**p. 33**
2. Charlotte's Optical	76 S. Sierra Madre St.	473-8066	
3. LensCrafters	750 Citadel Drive East	591-0199	
	5755 N. Academy Blvd.	548-8650	
	1710 Briargate Blvd.	266-8485	

Place to Buy a Thoughtful, Inexpensive Gift

1. Terra Verde	**208 N. Tejon St.**	**444-8621**	**p. 33**
2. Poor Richard's Bookstore	320 N. Tejon St.	578-0012	
3. Yobel Market	2528 W. Colorado Ave.	433-1318	

Place to Buy a Thoughtful, Over-the-Top Gift

1. Terra Verde	**208 N. Tejon St.**	**444-8621**	**p. 33**
2. Abatina	1713 S. Eighth St.	471-2290	
3. Yobel Market	2528 W. Colorado Ave.	433-1318	

Place to Buy Art

1. The Modbo	**17C E. Bijou St.**	**633-4240**	**p. 51**
2. Commonwheel Artists Co-op	102 Cañon Ave., Manitou Springs	685-1008	
3. Cottonwood Center for the Arts	427 E. Colorado Ave.	520-1899	

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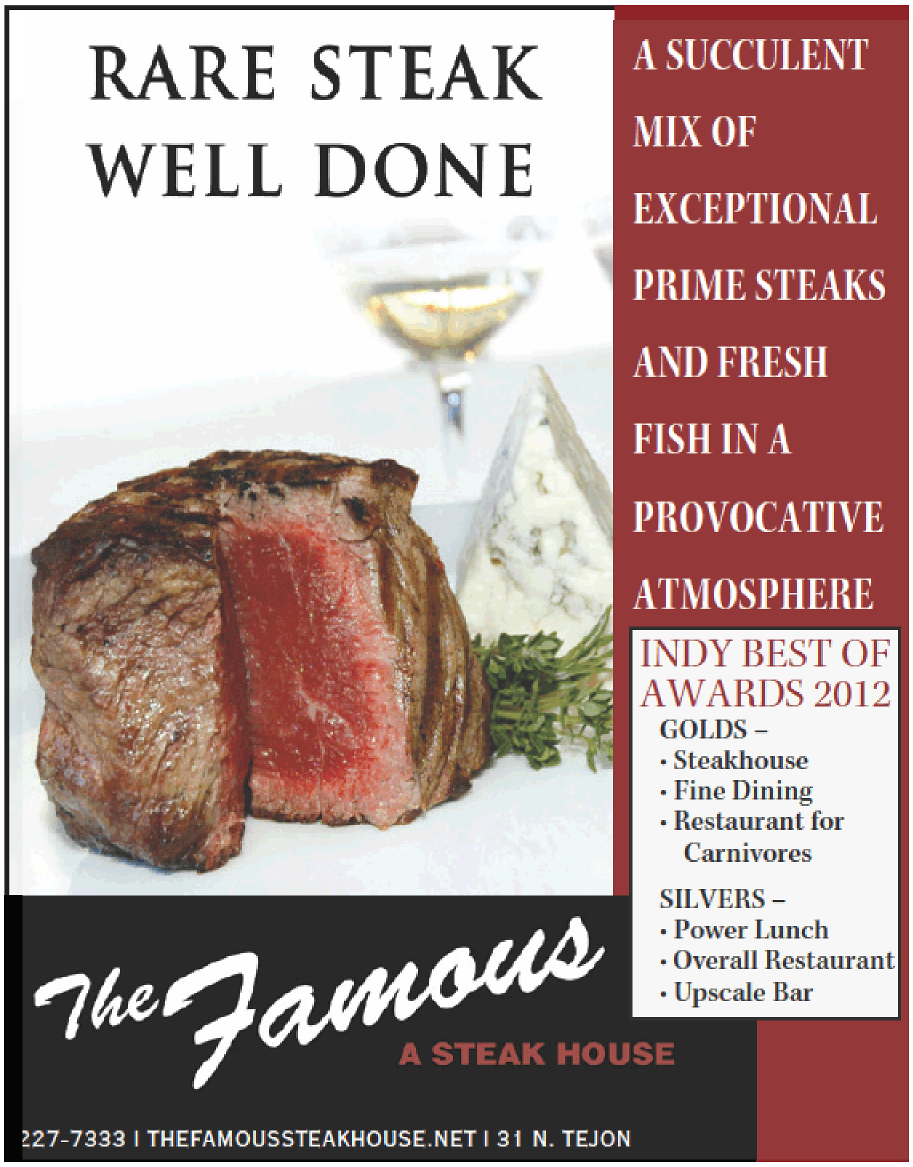
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Shopping

Place to Buy Motorcycles

1. Apex Sports	**1834 E. Platte Ave.**	**442-0048**	**p. 36**
2. Pikes Peak Harley-Davidson	5867 N. Nevada Ave.	278-2300	
3. Rocky Mountain Cycle Plaza	412 N. Chelton Road	591-9700	

Place to Buy Scooters

1. Sportique Scooters	**1834 Platte Ave.**	**442-0048**	**p. 37**
2. Apex Sports	327 S. Weber St.	475-2437	

Place to Buy Skateboards

1. Blindside	**600 S. 21st St., #150**	**636-1554**	**p. 36**
2. BC Surf & Sport	1710 Briargate Blvd., #495	590-7873	
3. Zumiez	1710 Briargate Blvd., #801	532-1655	

Place to Buy Skis

1. The Ski Shop	**1422 S. Tejon St.**	**636-3355**	**p. 36**
2. Blindside	600 S. 21st St., #150	636-1554	
3. Christy Sports	1808 N. Academy Blvd.	597-5222	

Place to Buy Snowboards

1. Blindside	**600 S. 21st St., #150**	**636-1554**	**p. 36**
2. The Ski Shop	1422 S. Tejon St.	636-3355	
3. Colorado Ski & Golf	2454 Montebello Square Drive	268-9522	

Service at a Dealership

1. Phil Long Ford	**1565 Auto Mall Loop**	**266-3301**	**p. 36**
	1212 Motor City Drive	**888/524-1984**	
2. Al Serra North Chevrolet	1570 Automall Loop	387-1085	
Al Serra South Chevrolet	230 N. Academy Blvd.	888/336-3816	
Al Serra Volkswagen	1580 Auto Mall Loop	866/658-8087	
3. Bob Penkhus Automotive	Multiple locations		
(tie) Heuberger Motors	1080 Motor City Drive	866-6411	

Store for Accessories

1. Terra Verde	**208 N. Tejon St.**	**444-8621**	**p. 33**
2. Yobel Market	2528 W. Colorado Ave.	433-1318	
3. Safron of Manitou Springs	720 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	685-5153	
(tie) Claire's	750 Citadel Drive East	596-5376	
	1710 Briargate Blvd., #333	593-9993	
	1645 Briargate Pkwy.	548-8033	

Store for Records, CDs & DVDs

1. Independent Records & Video	**Multiple locations**		**p. 31**
2. Entertainmart	651 N. Academy Blvd.	380-8580	
3. Best Buy	3150 New Center Point	597-9519	
	7675 N. Academy Blvd.	593-0414	

Thrift Store

1. Arc Thrift Stores	**Multiple locations**		**p. 33**
2. Goodwill	Multiple locations		
3. 14+ Upscale Rethreads	5711 Constitution Ave.	570-7779	

Thrift Store: Infants/Children

1. Arc Thrift Stores	**Multiple locations**		**p. 33**
2. Goodwill	Multiple locations		
3. Once Upon a Child	6946 N. Academy Blvd.	599-5966	

Toy Store

1. Little Richard's Toy Store	**324 N. Tejon St.**	**578-3072**	**p. 33**
2. Toys "R" Us	3730 Citadel Drive North	597-8697	
	1710 Briargate Blvd.	599-4534	
3. We3	2501 W. Colorado Ave.	216-8728	

Used Book Store

1. Poor Richard's Bookstore	**320 N. Tejon St.**	**578-0012**	**p. 34**
2. Hooked on Books	3918 Maizeland Road	596-1621	
3. The Bookman	3163 W. Colorado Ave.	636-0055	

Used Car Dealer

1. CarMax	**4010 Tutt Blvd.**	**313-4860**	**p. 37**
(tie) Perkins Motor Co.	**1205 Motor City Drive**	**800/906-8340**	
2. Phil Long Dealerships	Multiple locations		
3. Heuberger Motors	1080 Motor City Drive	866-6411	

Vintage Clothing Store

1. The Leechpit	**802 N. Nevada Ave.**	**634-3675**	**p. 33**
2. Swish	1816 W. Colorado Ave.	635-8375	
3. Eve's Revolution	1312 W. Colorado Ave.	633-1357	

Services

Bank/Credit Union

1. ENT Federal Credit Union	**Multiple locations**		**p. 43**
2. USAA	1855 Telstar Drive	800/531-8722	

3. Wells Fargo	Multiple locations		

Barbershop

1. Locals Barbershop	**5230 N. Nevada Ave., #120**	**265-5547**	**p. 41**
2. Eden Hair Salon and Barbershop	12 E. Kiowa St.	520-3336	
3. Floyd's Barber Shop	7252 N. Academy Blvd., #110	593-0011	
	3377 Cinema Point	573-8510	

Day Spa

1. Veda Salon & Spa	**5182 N. Nevada Ave.**	**265-5660**	**p. 41**
	2110 Southgate Road, #201	**578-8332**	
	7443 N. Academy Blvd.	**314-1480**	
2. Matéos Salon & Day Spa	5919 Delmonico Drive	266-9295	
3. Genesis MedSpa	142 S. Raven Mine Drive, #250	579-6890	

Dentist

1. Julia Rohleder	**105 N. Tejon St.**	**260-0216**	**p. 44**
2. Broadmoor Dental	1930 S. Nevada Ave.	576-5566	
3. Andrew Miller	1714 N. Circle Drive	207-8583	

Doctor

1. Aaron Smith	**5901 Corporate Drive**	**355-1956**	**p. 43**
2. Lisa Jenks	142 S. Raven Mine Drive, #250	579-6890	
3. Gina Bamberger	1730 N. Corona St.	365-7100	

Hair Salon

1. Veda Salon & Spa	**5182 N. Nevada Ave.**	**265-5660**	**p. 41**
	2110 Southgate Road, #201	**578-8332**	
	7443 N. Academy Blvd.	**314-1480**	
2. Eden Hair Salon and Barbershop	12 E. Kiowa St.	520-3336	
3. Locals Barber Shop	5230 N. Nevada Ave., #120	265-5547	

Hair Stylist

1. Sara Mascarenas at Eden Salon	12 E. Kiowa St.	520-3336	**p. 39**
2. Ashley Sahhar at J. Gregory	1701 S. Tejon St.	630-3444	
3. Kaitlin Kiggins at Locals Barber Shop	5230 N. Nevada Ave., #120	265-5547	

Higher Ed for the Money

1. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	**1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.**	**255-8227**	**p. 44**
2. Pikes Peak Community College	Multiple locations		
3. Colorado College	14 E. Cache la Poudre St.	389-6000	

Higher Ed for Nontraditional Students

1. Pikes Peak Community College	**Multiple locations**		**p. 44**
2. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.	255-8227	
3. Regis University	7450 Campus Drive, #100	800/944-7667	

Holistic Practitioner

1. Valerie Blankenship at Sage Woman Herbs & Clinic	**108 E. Cheyenne Road**	**473-9702**	**p. 43**
2. The Joint... the chiropractic place	3272 Centennial Blvd.	268-1424	
3. Kristen Uveges	712 S. Tejon St.	227-7700	

Human Day Care

1. Giving Tree Montessori School	**1110 W. Moreno Ave.**	**630-3763**	**p. 45**
2. Kindercare	1204 Mesa Road	473-2620	
	885 Cheyenne Meadows Road	538-4614	
	3325 Vickers Drive	531-6508	
3. Hope Montessori Academy	Multiple locations	488-5800	
(tie) Junior Academy	Multiple locations		
(tie) Sidewalks End Montessori School	3215 Woodland Hills Drive	266-0026	

Inexpensive Haircut

1. Great Clips	**Multiple locations**		**p. 44**
2. Locals Barber Shop	5230 N. Nevada Ave., #120	265-5547	
3. Cost Cutters	Multiple locations		

Interior Design/Home Remodeling

1. Rich Designs	**1731 Mt. Washington Ave.**	**475-1200**	**p. 44**
2. InteriLife Eco Design and Supply	301 E. Pikes Peak Ave.	219-9855	
3. Karen Jones	13530 Northgate Estates Drive, #100	559-1220	

Landscaper/Company

1. Hiner Landscapes	**320 Cragmor Road, Suite B**	**357-5770**	**p. 45**
2. Colorado Stoneworks Landscaping	21 Commerce St.	538-6016	
3. Blue Planet Earthscapes		685-0290	

Lawyer

1. Matthew Clawson	**115 E. Vermijo Ave., #101**	**634-1848**	**p. 43**
	1155 Kelly Johnson Blvd.	**471-7505**	
2. Heuser & Heuser	625 N. Cascade Ave., #300	520-9909	
3. Gasper Law Group	128 S. Tejon St., #100	227-7779	

Mechanic

1. Import Specialty Auto	**2348 E. Boulder St.**	**633-3075**	**p. 44**
2. Aspen Auto Clinic	1619 N. Union Blvd.	634-4257	
3. Japanese Connection	3519 E. Boulder St.	574-5415	

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1. Strawberry Fields Alternative Health & Wellness	**3404 W. Colorado Ave.**	**471-2837**	**p. 44**
2. Trichome Health Consultants	2117 W. Colorado Ave.	635-6337	
3. Indispensary	3044 W. Colorado Ave.	203-4592	
	3031 E. Platte Ave.	203-4542	

Nail Salon

1. Helen's Nails	**2832 N. Powers Blvd.**	**574-8640**	**p. 41**
2. Veda Salon & Spa	5182 N. Nevada Ave.	265-5660	
	2110 Southgate Road, #201	578-8332	
	7443 N. Academy Blvd.	314-1480	
3. Top Ten Nails	4539 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.	597-7823	

Naturopath

1. Ruth Adele	**1625 W. Uintah St., Suite I**	**636-0098**	**p. 43**
2. Faith Christensen	104 S. Cascade Ave., #205	685-2500	
3. Allison Nabours	104 S. Cascade Ave., #205	685-2500	

Nutritionist

1. Pure Nutrition	**22 E. Bijou St.**	**322-8766**	**p. 43**
2. Metabolic Research Center	3510 Galley Road, #114	637-9767	
3. Vivian Rice	1900 E. Pikes Peak Ave., #8	635-5596	

Pet Day Care

1. Lucky Dog Resort	**4401 Mark Dabling Blvd.**	**599-9663**	**p. 39**
	2801 Janitell Road East	**527-9663**	
2. Camp Bow Wow	4295 Northpark Drive	260-9247	
3. Central Bark Daycare and Boarding	4336 N. Nevada Ave.	592-9300	

Pet Groomer

1. PetSmart	**Multiple locations**		**p. 44**
2. Wag N' Wash Healthy Pet Center	1625 W. Uintah St., #8	457-9274	
	1234 E. Woodmen Road, #100	228-9274	
3. Soggy Doggies Grooming	5219 Galley Road	597-2345	

Photographer

1. Teresa Lee Photography	**2480 Shiprock Way**	**548-8300**	**p. 45**
2. Blue Fox Photography	504 Ridgewood Ave.	636-3435	
3. Broken Glass Photography	brokenglassphoto.smugmug.com		

Piercing Parlor

1. Pens and Needles Custom Tattoo Company	**716 N. Weber St., #200**	**287-5605**	**p. 41**
	3737 Drennan Road	**391-7367**	
2. Shrap Metal Tattoo & Piercing	2928 Parker St.	963-3279	
3. West Side Tattoo	2031 W. Colorado Ave.	219-4800	

Place to Get Tattooed

1. Pens and Needles Custom Tattoo Company	**716 N. Weber St., #200**	**287-5605**	**p. 41**
	3737 Drennan Road	**391-7367**	
2. West Side Tattoo	2031 W. Colorado Ave.	219-4800	
3. Premier Tattoo	519 S. Tejon St.	633-4045	

Realtor

1. Jason Daniels	**5590 N. Academy Blvd.**	**268-8086**	**p. 43**
2. Chad Sahhar		338-5742	
3. Jeff Clark	5590 N. Academy Blvd.	466-6700	

Realty Company

1. RE/MAX	**Multiple locations**		**p. 44**
2. The Platinum Group, Realtors	6760 Corporate Drive, #300	536-4444	
3. ERA Shields Real Estate	130 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.	576-3600	
	5475 Tech Center Drive, #300	593-1000	

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Tanning Salon

1. Tan Your Hide	**Multiple locations**		**p. 41**
2. Sunspot Atlantis	4310 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.	531-6000	
3. One Sunsational Tan	747 Garden of the Gods Road	599-3637	
	819 Cheyenne Meadows Road	576-3483	
	3103B W. Colorado Ave.	444-8477	
(tie) Rayz Tanning	3518 Hartsel Drive	593-2456	

Veterinarian

1. Westside Animal Hospital	**1603 W. Colorado Ave.**	**632-6111**	**p. 44**
2. Pikes Peak Veterinary Clinic	1813 N. Union Blvd.	475-1747	
3. Briargate Veterinary Clinic	7530 Rangewood Drive	599-3339	

Daylife

Affordable Family Fun

1. iT'Z Colorado Springs	**3035 New Center Point**	**623-1550**	**p. 49**
2. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo	4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road	633-9925	
3. Manitou Penny Arcade	900 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	685-9815	

Art Exhibition

1. Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center	**30 W. Dale St.**	**634-5581**	**p. 49**
2. The Modbo	17C E. Bijou St.	633-4240	
3. Cottonwood Center for the Arts	427 E. Colorado Ave.	520-1899	

Artist

1. Liese Chavez	**liesechavez.com**		**p. 47**
2. Phil Lear	phillear.com		
3. Monique Viger	themodbo.wordpress.com/category/monique-viger		

Banquet Facility

1. The Pinery	**12375 Black Forest Road**	**495-9499**	**p. 49**
2. The Broadmoor	1 Lake Ave.	634-7711	
3. Briarhurst Manor Estate	404 Manitou Ave.	685-1864	

Bar for a Fancy-Pants Cocktail

1. The Broadmoor	**1 Lake Ave.**	**634-7711**	**p. 47**
2. The Rabbit Hole	101 N. Tejon St.	203-5072	
3. Shuga's	702 S. Cascade Ave.	328-1412	

Bed & Breakfast

1. Avenue Hotel	**711 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs**	**685-1277**	**p. 51**
2. Old Town GuestHouse	115 S. 26th St.	632-9194	
3. Red Crags Estates	302 El Paso Blvd., Manitou Springs	685-4515	

Casino

1. Double Eagle Hotel & Casino	**442 E. Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek**	**719/689-5000**	**p. 47**
2. Wildwood Casino	19 Carbonate St., Cripple Creek	719/286-7810	
3. Bronco Billy's	233 E. Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek	719/689-2142	

Cultural Attraction/Museum

1. Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center	**30 W. Dale St.**	**634-5581**	**p. 49**
2. Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum	215 S. Tejon St.	385-5990	
3. Western Museum of Mining & Industry	225 North Gate Blvd.	488-0880	

Dance Studio

1. Ormao Dance Company	**10 S. Spruce St.**	**471-9759**	**p. 47**
2. Springs Salsa	2506 W. Colorado Ave.	520-1201	
	2501 W. Colorado Ave.	520-1201	
	1220 Valley St.	591-1419	
3. Dance Unlimited	7850 N. Academy Blvd.	528-5715	

Fitness Center

1. 24 Hour Fitness	**1892 Southgate Road**	**633-2442**	**p. 49**
	3650 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., #197	**262-0024**	
	7720 N. Academy Blvd.	**244-9532**	
2. YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region	Multiple locations		
3. Lifetime Fitness	4410 Royal Pine Drive	266-9900	

Gallery

1. The Modbo	**17C E. Bijou St.**	**633-4240**	**p. 51**
2. Marmalade at Smokebrush	219 W. Colorado Ave., #210	444-1012	
3. Mountain Living Studio	741 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	685-0225	

Local Hotel/Motel

1. The Broadmoor	**1 Lake Ave.**	**634-7711**	**p. 47**
2. The Mining Exchange, a Wyndham Grand Hotel	8 S. Nevada Ave.	323-2000	
3. Cheyenne Mountain Resort	3225 Broadmoor Valley Road	538-4000	

National Chain Hotel/Motel

1. Antlers Hilton	**4 S. Cascade Ave.**	**955-5600**	**p. 49**
2. Marriott Colorado Springs	5580 Tech Center Drive	260-1800	
3. Embassy Suites Colorado Springs	7290 Commerce Center Drive	599-9100	

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Martial Arts

1. Tai Chi Association of Colorado Springs	**108 E. Cheyenne Road, #211**	**375-8339**	**p. 51**
2. Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu	1358 N. Academy Blvd.	344-5736	
3. Universal Kempo Karate Schools	Multiple locations		

Movie Theater

1. Kimball's Peak Three Theater	**115 E. Pikes Peak Ave.**	**447-1945**	**p. 47**
2. Cinemark Tinseltown USA and XD	1545 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.	576-5082	
3. Cinemark Carefree Circle and Imax	3305 Cinema Point	596-2173	

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Pilates Studio

1. ReVibe Pilates & Bodywork	**115 N. Tejon St., #117B**	**231-6430**	**p. 51**
2. Motion Studies	4460 N. Chestnut St.	635-7844	
(tie) Sun Pilates	818 S. Tejon St.	632-0509	
3. Spectrum Wellness	810 Arcturus Drive	444-0381	

Place for a Blind Date

1. Starbucks	**Multiple locations**		**p. 49**
2. Ritz Grill	15 S. Tejon St.	635-8484	
3. The Broadmoor	1 Lake Ave.	634-7711	

Place for a Wedding

1. The Pinery	**12375 Black Forest Road**	**495-9499**	**p. 49**
2. The Broadmoor	1 Lake Ave.	634-7711	
3. Briarhurst Manor Estate	404 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	685-1864	

Place to See Emerging Artists

1. The Modbo	**17C E. Bijou St.**	**633-4240**	**p. 51**
2. Cottonwood Center for the Arts	427 E. Colorado Ave.	520-1899	
3. Commonwheel Artists Co-op	102 Cañon Ave., Manitou Springs	685-1008	
(tie) Business of Art Center	513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs	685-1861	

Running Club

1. Jack Quinn's Running Club	**jackquinnsrunners.com**		**p. 51**
2. Pikes Peak Road Runners	pprrun.org		
3. Two Elks Running Club	Thunder and Buttons II, 2415 W. Colorado Ave.	447-9888	

Tourist Destination

1. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo	**4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road**	**633-9925**	**p. 47**
2. Cave of the Winds	100 Cave of the Winds Road, Manitou Springs	685-5444	
3. Pikes Peak Cog Railway	515 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs	685-5401	

Weekly Bar Event

1. Jack Quinn's Running Club	**jackquinnsrunners.com**		**p. 51**
2. Evolution at Club Q	3430 N. Academy Blvd.	570-1429	
3. Geeks Who Drink at McCabe's	520 S. Tejon St.	633-3300	

Yoga Studio

1. CorePower Yoga	**623 N. Nevada Ave.**	**477-9642**	**p. 51**
	1025 W. Garden of the Gods Road	**265-8611**	
2. Pranava Yoga Center	802 N. Weber St.	444-8463	
3. cambio.Yoga	3326 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., #100	291-1798	

Personalities

Category We Forgot

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2. Local Advertising Campaign			
3. Massage Therapist			

Colorado Springs Claim to Fame

1. Pikes Peak			**p. 61**
2. Community and firefighters' response to Waldo Canyon Fire			
3. Garden of the Gods			

Colorado Springs Claim to Shame

1. U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn	**lamborn.house.gov**		**p. 61**
2. Doug Bruce	douglasbruce.com		
3. Lack of taxes to support town and infrastructure			

Cultural White Knight

1. Susan Edmondson	**730 N. Nevada Ave.**	**477-0185**	**p. 55**
2. Brett and Lauren Andrus	The Modbo, 17C E. Bijou St.	633-4240	
3. Christina McGrath	COPPeR, 121 S. Tejon St., #111	634-2204	

Fundraising Event

1. A Community Rises: Waldo Canyon Fire benefit			**p. 55**
2. Wild Fire Tees	wildfiretees.com		
3. Newborn Hope Luncheon & Fashion Show	newbornhope.org		

Hero of the Year

1. Waldo Canyon emergency responders			**p. 53**
2. Jerri Marr, USDA Forest Service			
3. Military personnel and their families			

Local Blogger

1. Carrie Isaac as Springs Bargains	**springsbargains.com**		**p. 55**
2. Whiskey Darling	whiskeydarling.blogspot.com		
3. Damian Burford as Mostly Harmless	mostlyharmlesspodcast.com		

Local Politician

1. Mayor Steve Bach	**30 S. Nevada Ave.**	**385-5900**	**p. 55**
2. Richard Skorman, former city councilor			
3. Pete Lee	200 E. Colfax Ave., #306, Denver	632-1165	

Local Radio Show

1. Goose and Woody at 92.9 Peak FM	**929peakfm.com**	**272-7325**	**p. 55**
2. Danger and Lacie at 98.9 FM	989magicfm.com	596-2442	
3. The Radio Shopping Show	Multiple stations		

Local Talk Radio Personality

1. Richard Randall at KVOR-AM 740	**kvor.com**	**540-0740**	**p. 53**
2. Sarada Connors, The Radio Shopping Show	Multiple stations		
3. Dan Cochell at KREL 1580 AM	krel1580.com	203-5908	

Local TV News Personality

1. Matt Meister, KRDO NewsChannel 13	krdo.com	**575-6285**	**p. 55**
2. Lisa Lyden (retired), KOAA News First 5	koaa.com	632-5030	
3. Rob Quirk, KOAA News First 5	koaa.com	632-5030	

Local TV Newscast

1. KKTV 11 News	**kktv.com**	**578-0000**	**p. 53**
2. KRDO NewsChannel 13	krdo.com	575-6285	
3. KOAA News First 5	koaa.com	632-5030	

Local Twitterer

1. Barrett Tryon	**@tryonb**		**p. 55**
2. Wendy Carson	@springsalliance		
3. Matt Meister	@thewxmeister		

Nonprofit Organization

1. Care and Share Food Bank	**2605 Preamble Point**	**528-1247**	**p. 55**
2. Springs Rescue Mission	5 W. Las Vegas St.	632-1822	
3. Compassion International	12290 Voyager Pkwy.	800/336-7676	

Radio DJ

1. Woody at 92.9 Peak FM	**929peakfm.com**	**272-7325**	**p. 55**
2. Captain Dan, Paul & Tammy at Klite 106.3 FM	klite1063.com	540-9200	
3. Vicky Gregor at KRCC-FM 91.5	krcc.org	473-4801	

Radio Station: Music

1. KRCC-FM 91.5	**krcc.org**	**473-4801**	**p. 53**
2. RXP 103.9 FM	1039rxp.com	634-4896	
3. 92.9 Peak FM	929peakfm.com	272-7325	

Radio Station: Talk

1. KRCC-FM 91.5	**krcc.org**	**473-4801**	**p. 53**
2. KRDO 105.5 FM, 1240 AM	krdo.com/newsradio	473-1240	
3. KVOR-AM 740	kvor.com	540-0740	

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If you haven't planned anything for the second week of November, consider going to Platte Floral's annual holiday open house, which business manager Jerry Flynn says draws thousands of visitors each year. This is when the perennial (sorry) Best Of winner puts on all its holiday trimmings, with decorating ideas, live music and more. Flynn adds that Platte has done this "forever" — or for at least 30 years — which is the kind of time scale you use when talking about Platte, which opened back in 1921. That longevity stems (sorry again) from Platte's commitment to buying fresh blooms straight from growers in California, Florida and Colorado, and providing products for every price point. — ***EA***

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To the outsider, it would seem nothing short of a miracle that a record store still exists. And yet, not only does Independent Records exist, but it employs upward of 90 people at its six locations from Denver to Pueblo. According to Mandy Christensen, who handles the marketing and advertising for this category's perennial winner, it's a willingness to expand in different product areas that's kept Independent afloat in an industry that ate up others years ago. "It allows us to continue selling music and being the cultural touchstone for the community," she says. "We're the one-stop shop for a lot of people, whether they want music or movies." Products with higher margins, such as smoking accessories, keep the lights on and the bills paid. "It's been a labor of love," she says. "We think it's important to have a record store in the community." — ***CH***

Garden Supply/Nursery

Rick's Garden Center

(1827 W. Uintah St., 632-8491, ricksgarden.com)

(or) **Rick's Nursery & Landscaping**

(600 N. 18th St., 636-3085, ricksnursery.com)

They share the title for top garden go-to every year, despite the fact that the two places are disparate businesses, and have been since 1976. In a way it's fitting, since Rick's Garden and Rick's Nursery share a happy, symbiotic relationship. Set back-to-back on the west side, each shop sends customers to its neighbor, calling on complementary expertise. And given the recent boom in urban homesteading, or just growing your own veggies in the backyard, it only makes sense there's double the help on a local level. Because we're all in this together, right? Just see Rick's of 18th Street's "About Us" webpage: "Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others," Philippians 2:4. — ***EA***

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Thrift Store

Thrift Store: Infants/Children

Arc Thrift Stores

(Multiple locations, arcthrift.com)

Sure, your thrifted clothing was once hanging in someone else's closet. But remember the Velveteen Rabbit? That shabby rabbit became real because it was loved. And once you start shopping at thrift stores, it's hard to pay full price for a pair of jeans that are stiff and missing that lived-in, loved-in, broken-in quality. The Arc, with its well-stocked aisles of secondhand threads, has won in the Thrift Store category for seven years in a row, and the Infants/Children category both years it's been offered. If that's not enough of a reason to give it a shot, "All of the money generated is to fund our mission, which is supporting the individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities," explains Erick Martinez, director of store operations. About 144 Arc employees statewide have a developmental disability, roughly 10 percent of the nonprofit's total workforce. — ***DM***

Vintage Clothing Store

The Leechpit

(802 N. Nevada Ave., 634-3675, leechpit.com)

It's not been two years since Adam Leech's Pit moved to its current North Nevada Avenue location, closer to Colorado College and its throngs of post-ironic retro-chic hunters. Too close, perhaps — apparently Leech will be relocating again in the near future, as Colorado College doesn't intend to renew the lease on the property. It hasn't seemed to damage his confidence, though, as he notes that his store doesn't only sell clothes: "I would challenge anybody to an arm-wrestling contest who claims there's a better stock of vinyl in Colorado Springs." And Leech doesn't stop there. "I'd contend we've got Denver beat, too," he adds. "On a good day." — ***WM***

Toy Store

Little Richard's Toy Store

(324 N. Tejon St., 578-3072, poorrichardsdowntown.com)

You drink microbrews, frequent farmers markets, and wear beanies spun from local, gently harvested alpaca fiber. When it comes to toys, then, why would you go mass-production? You wouldn't. You would, instead, go to Little Richard's Toy Store, the section of the Poor Richard's emporium where, as co-owner Richard Skorman puts it, "three-quarters of the customers might be under 5 years old, and laughing." Over 17 years, Skorman and company have cultivated relationships with small manufacturers and distributors who make toys that "have a purpose," and often an educational link. The place (which still makes sure to stock the classic Slinkies, Erector Sets, etc.) teems with energy and inspiration. Make sure you're signed up for the birthday club, which gets you sizable discounts once a year. — ***KW***

Brienne Boortz

Ethnic Market

Asian Pacific Market

(615 Wooten Road, #160, 573-7500)

A winner in this category five years in a row, Asian Pacific Market is a multicultural wonderland. The aisles are packed with Asian and Indo-European food and household goods, and even some items made in America. Among the offerings: frozen banana leaves, quail eggs and an aloe vera dessert. The produce section features exotic fruits and vegetables along with the usual finds, and entire sections are devoted to noodles, sauces and tea. As manager Jason Zhou says, "We are also wholesalers, and have a store in Denver so we can keep the prices low." Note: if you're a little tired after traveling around the world in 25,000 square feet, you can pick up a can of Red Bull at the checkout. — ***KK***

INDY PICK Wall of Leggy Fashion

Zeezo's

(104 N. Tejon St., 633-2571, zeezos.com)

You may have thought, like I did, that Zeezo's was purely a costume shop — a great place for Halloween, masquerade balls and the occasional sci-fi con. Think that no more, ladies. Near the back of the store, there's a wall filled with fashion designed for your legs: fishnets in a panoply of bright colors, with back seams, or tassles; ooh-la-la French black-and-nude striped pantyhose; thigh-highs with elastic or without (bring on the garter belts!). With more than 250 styles and a range of sizes and prices, you can keep your gams — and those of us looking at them — happy year-round. — ***KA***

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ABBA Eye Care

(Multiple locations, abbaeyecare.com)

Operations director Alan Sindler says that the first ABBA location opened some 35 years ago. We didn't dare ask whether that strengthens any connection to the '70s Swedish pop superstars. In any case, ABBA now has 14 locations in the region, including seven in the Springs (with a new storefront slated for Powers and Woodmen), three of those on local military bases. Pretty sure it adds up to a winning equation, not least because the business remains locally owned in spite of the scale. Sindler says ABBA emphasizes "high-definition" vision, with lens designs, materials and treatments all lending to clearer optics. Plus, its opticians are better-trained than even the state requires. "We try to stay in the upper stratosphere in terms of customer service." — ***WM***

Non-Chain Store for Women's Fashions

Store for Accessories

Place to Buy a Thoughtful, Inexpensive Gift

Place to Buy a Thoughtful, Over-the-Top Gift

Terra Verde

(208 N. Tejon St., 444-8621, terraverdestyle.com)

Terra Verde can dominate these categories because it offers something for everyone, literally. Walking through the various rooms, you'll find your eyes drawn to some items that cost $10, and others that run 10 times that. For accessibility's sake, here are some top picks in the "thoughtful, inexpensive" realm: serving ware from India Handicrafts, imported French soap from Pré de Provence, or a Votivo candle (my favorite: the Bright Leaf Tobacco). Because, after all, a great gift is "something chosen with love, regardless of the price," says Karen Rivera, marketing rep for the store. — ***CW***

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Antique Store

American Classics Marketplace

(1815 N. Academy Blvd., 596-8585, americanclassicsmarketplace.com)

While it's a frequent winner of the Antique Store award, a more fitting description of American Classics Marketplace might be Best Collection of Different Stores Under the Same Roof. "We have around 300 vendors in 65,000 square feet," says assistant manager Steven Brookshire. It can take hours to see it all, since there's something fascinating around every corner, up and down every aisle, and from floor to ceiling. And they're not just antiques. You get old mixed with new, and purely decorative with still-very-useful. Come to think of it, this one could also be a contender for Best Place to Go if You're Bored — it's a sure cure of that. — ***KK***

Local Sports Store/Outdoor Outfitter

Mountain Chalet

(226 N. Tejon St., 633-0732, mtnchalet.com)

As compared to the big boys and bargain websites, Mountain Chalet walks softly. But it carries a big stick in Colorado Springs. Dan Foster's store has been outfitting gearheads for more than four decades with everything from carabiners to skis to tents to high-quality outerwear. The friendly and knowledgeable staff help keep people coming back, but discerning shoppers also value Mountain Chalet for its community involvement. When the Waldo Canyon Fire incinerated locals' closets this summer, the store organized multiple giveaways, passing out literally hundreds of clothing items to victims. And throughout the year(s), Mountain Chalet has helped host amazing events, ranging from the occasional adventure slide-shows and presentations to major offerings like the Banff Mountain Film Fest. — ***SH***

INDY PICK Place to Find Snazzy Storage Containers

Old West Cigar Co.

(229 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 635-0211, smokeme.com)

The nearest Container Store is in Denver, and you fancy yourself a recycler, anyway. So the next time you're needing to store some pens, jewelry or note cards, or creatively pack a birthday gift for Pop, drop by Old West Cigar Co. No, I'm not kidding. Just inside the door, and sometimes on a table outside in good weather, the shop owners sell empty cigar boxes for $5 each. It's a small racket as compared to the more than 100 varieties of stogies for sale in the cedar humidor, and the tastings and other events that unfold in the leather-couched smoking lounge, but it's a sweet one. Top your visit off with a bubble gum cigar, and it's even sweeter. — ***KA***

Non-Chain Bookstore

Used Bookstore

Poor Richard's Bookstore

(320 N. Tejon St., 578-0012, poorrichardsdowntown.com)

Sure, there are reliable favorites: A *New York Times* bestseller is likely to please, or you could go for the latest in self-help. (Gluten-free, anyone?) But book-buying, like most everything, follows trends. Poor Richard's Bookstore understands this, and is there to help. With more than 120 categories, there is literally something for any reading taste. The "dysfunctional family genre" is popular this year, according to manager Marie Poole, and also, novels by authors like Chuck Palahniuk and Jonathan Franzen, which offer "social commentary in a less offensive form." After all, that's what books are for! — ***CW***

Kin Scott

Non-Chain Furniture Store

Platte Furniture *(2331 E. Platte Place, 633-7309, plattefurniture.com)*

The whole staff loves going to Cripple Creek "as much as possible." Chris looks like Mr. Clean and can quote from any movie. Tish "smiles at mean people." And Will, the ladies man, tends to get clumsy around glass. We know these details, and more, because this is what you get at plattefurniture.com under "About us." It speaks to the down-to-earthness of Platte's self-proclaimed "ma and pop shop" operation, which opened in 1978 and has grown ever since. A past winner, Platte has probably earned the voters' love for its selection of both new and used furniture. But it's hard to overestimate the importance of talking about Goof Off with Heather, and Taco Bell with Lloyd. *— EA*

Musical Instruments Store

Meeker Music *(113 E. Bijou St., 471-8940; 3604 Hartsel Drive, 534-9919; 6330 S. Hwy. 85/87, 391-8922; meekermusic.com)*

In his book *Outliers: The Story of Success*, Malcolm Gladwell proposes that it takes 10,000 hours of practice to achieve greatness at a particular skill. In music, to put in the practice time you need an instrument, and family-owned and -operated Meeker Music has been selling and renting band and orchestral instruments for 37 years. The local business serves students of all ages, from elementary school kids to adult retirees in New Horizon groups, offering not just equipment but private music lessons, sheet music and instrument repairs. Ken Hamman, co-owner and manager, says you can depend on Meeker for "pretty much everything but acoustic pianos." *— DM*

INDY PICK Way to Boost a Teen's Self-Esteem While Shopping

Promises Thrift Store *(4360 Montebello Drive, #200, 266-0106, cochildrenofpromise.com)*

I'd always been curious about this little boutique that appeared the size of a broom closet. So I went in one day and found that the Teens With Promise-run

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CHAIN CHAMPS

Kudos to some bigger businesses that locals love:

Grocery Store

King Soopers *(Multiple locations, kingsoopers.com)*

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Whole Foods Market *(3180 New Center Point, 622-1099; 7635 N. Academy Blvd., 531-9999; wholefoodsmarket.com)*

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Kohl's *(Multiple locations, kohls.com)*

Jewelry Store

Jared, The Galleria of Jewelry *(1720 E. Woodmen Road, 262-0701; jared.com)*

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INDY PICK Place to Get Stuck on Cacti

Manitou Cactus

(1 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-9234, manitoucottonclub.com)

Adjacent to (and with the same owners as) The Cotton Club, a women's fashion store, Manitou Cactus is a sharp surprise on Ruxton Avenue. The light-filled room is lined with cacti and succulents of all species and sizes, many originating from a greenhouse in Buena Vista. On shelves above and below sit an array of pots, ready for planting, and bustling between both shops is owner Sharman Treweeke, who is happy to answer any questions you may have about plant care. "What potting soil should I use?" "Can I get three of these in one pot?" "How do I not kill it?" All legitimate. — ***KA***

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Promises Thrift Store is much bigger than it looks. I also found a fabulous pair of brand-name, red peep-toes. They turned out to hurt my toes terribly, but I'm not the least bit upset, as the $8 I paid goes to a terrific cause — helping teens stay in school. Teens With Promise provides kids with clothes for little to nothing through the thrift shop, and uses money from sales to help students get the things they need to stay in school, including learning materials. If it can help some of the 20 percent of teens in our community who drop out before graduation, well, I'm up for giving another pair of peep-toes a shot. — ***PZ***

Place to Buy Skis

The Ski Shop

(1422 S. Tejon St., 636-3355, theskishopinc.com)

Lining the walls of The Ski Shop are decades' worth of old ski boots, labeled by date. You can start back in the days when boots looked like modified, leather walking shoes, and move through the introduction of buckles and plastic. This trip sort of echoes the history of The Ski Shop itself, which just celebrated its 60-year anniversary. The Uhl family bought The Ski Shop in the '80s, and son Rick Uhl took over in 2002. Rick added snowboards — much to the dismay of his father, Wolfgang — but otherwise, he kept the business almost exactly the same. It's still the type of store where a family can walk in, and leave entirely outfitted for a day on the slopes. "I hear every day that we seem to ask the right questions to get people in the right gear," says Rick. "Once we get the equipment right once, they keep coming back." The shop is filled with trusted classics like Obermeyer, Smith, Rossignol and Solomon. Uhl says he approaches each brand as a "10-year investment," continuing to stock only products he knows will stick around, and steering clear of "boutique brands." So what's to come in the next 60 years? "I see my two kids running the store, with their kids running around underneath, and them coming to visit me at my ski condo in Vail," says Uhl, with a smile. — ***CW***

Place to Buy Skateboards

Place to Buy Snowboards

Blindside

(600 S. 21st St., #150, 636-1554, blindsidecolorado.net)

I grew up a skier. So when I walked into Blindside, I told owner Jon Easdon to tell me why I should try snowboarding. His reply? "I'm not going to do that. You go to the mountain for the same reason I do." Call it passion, and know it runs deep at Blindside. The store, which moved to a bigger location across 21st Street in April, delivers the highest-quality boards from smaller brands. "As a shop, we ride everything we bring in," says Easdon, and that includes the skateboards. So you can be sure you're buying quality goods. Also, check out the $20 ski and snowboard tunes: That's a steal! — ***CW***

Bike Shop

Old Town Bike Shop

(426 S. Tejon St., 475-8589, oldtownbikeshop.com)

For Old Town owner John Crandall, offering quality products and service is only the foundation on top of which he's built his business since opening in 1976. "The ability to work the business into a lot of areas of community involvement, particularly environmentally, is a perfect match with bicycles," he says, adding that the shop recycles "almost everything," from paper to metal. It also has a solar array. But while the sun giveth, it also taketh away: Crandall mentions an early snowmelt, along with the Waldo Canyon Fire, as challenges for the bike-shop community in the past year. At least Crandall need not worry about staffing challenges: His bike technicians average 20 years' experience. — ***WM***

Place to Buy Motorcycles

Apex Sports

(327 S. Weber St., 475-2437, apexsportsinc.com)

The musky scent of new leather hits your nose. Your adrenaline skyrockets. Your heart begins to pound. Upon entering family-owned and -operated Apex Sports, at least two of the aforementioned sensations are bound to kick in. Apex has been a staple for local motorcycle enthusiasts since opening in 1960, and in addition to the annual Pikes Peak Supercross, sponsors a number of events throughout each year. Just FYI, top sellers today are mostly Hondas, says general manager Mike Stokes; check out the 2013 Tri-tone Honda 250. — ***KL***

New Domestic Car Dealer

Service at a Dealership

Phil Long Ford

(1212 Motor City Drive, 888/524-1984;
1565 Auto Mall Loop, 266-3301; phillong.com)

When I call, I'm told someone will get back to me promptly. Four minutes later, Bud McFadden, assistant to the service director at the Auto Mall Loop location, dials me up. The formula for success, which has made Phil Long top New Domestic Car Dealer yearly since 2006, is really quite simple, he says: "We do take care of the customer." Naturally, the company has guidelines for seeing to customers' needs, but it also boasts low worker turnover. "Mark Riese has been with this dealership 35 years," McFadden says. "He has a huge following of devoted customers, as do our other service reps." By the way, to accommodate busy schedules, Phil Long initiated the "quick lane," where customers can get their vehicles serviced while they wait in a comfy lounge with free wireless. — ***PZ***

Kin Scott

New Foreign Car Dealer

Heuberger Motors *(1080 Motor City Drive, 475-1920, heubergermotors.com)*

Heuberger Motors' popularity has revved high among *Indy* readers since the days of Crocodile Dundee hawking Outbacks. The dealership simply has what southern Coloradans want — full-time all-wheel-drive Subarus. "We're very fortunate to have a great product," says John Adams, director of business development. "Subarus are fuel-efficient, capable, roomy and technologically advanced." This is the fifth consecutive year Heuberger has sold more new Subarus than any other dealer in the United States. "Last year we ended right at 3,000. This year, we're looking for over 3,000," Adams says. The high sales volume means there's plenty of inventory, and vehicles are priced attractively. Off the lot, community involvement also is important to the family-owned business, Adams says, because "if you're not supportive of the community, then you're just selling a product." — ***DK***

Used Car Dealer (tie)

Perkins Motor Company

(1205 Motor City Drive, 800/906-8340, perkinsmotors.com)

CarMax

(4010 Tutt Blvd., 313-4860, carmax.com)

The only first-place tie in this year's Best Of voting goes to Perkins Motor Company and CarMax, for Used Car Dealer. Each dealership has its unique selling points — for instance, Perkins has been doing its thing in southern Colorado for more than 50 years, while CarMax is a national brand listed on the Fortune 500 list — but they also have some important things in common. For instance, both dealerships have earned A-plus ratings from the local chapter of the Better Business Bureau. And for those who involuntarily recoil at the term "used car salesman," no matter how many reassurances you get: Both businesses have excellent websites where, on a recent morning, you could peruse more than 200 cars all by your lonesome. — ***KW***

Casey Bradley Gent

Place to Buy Scooters

Sportique Scooters *(1834 E. Platte Ave., 442-0048, sportiquescooters.com)*

Yes, yes, scooters used to be for hipsters and Europeans. But listen, that's a ragged stereotype. The world has changed, and scooters have changed along with it. Sportique sales and marketing manager Jon Duvall says scooters come in all sizes these days, even "maxis" that can hit the interstate with panniers for a cross-country trip. A great range of people are interested in scooters, too, from senior citizens to recent high school grads. While often derided as "the small brother of the motorcycle," the scooter has some major differences. Unlike a motorcycle, you don't need a special license to drive it. A smaller scooter costs about $2,600, will hit max speeds of around 35 mph, and will get 60 to 80 miles per gallon of gas. "What a lot of consumers are finding is they're actually saving money and having more reliable transportation through the scooter," Duvall says. Not surprising, then, that Sportique's business is good these days — so good, in fact, that several Sportique locations have popped up around the state. (The others have different owners, but are under a licensing agreement.) — ***JAS***

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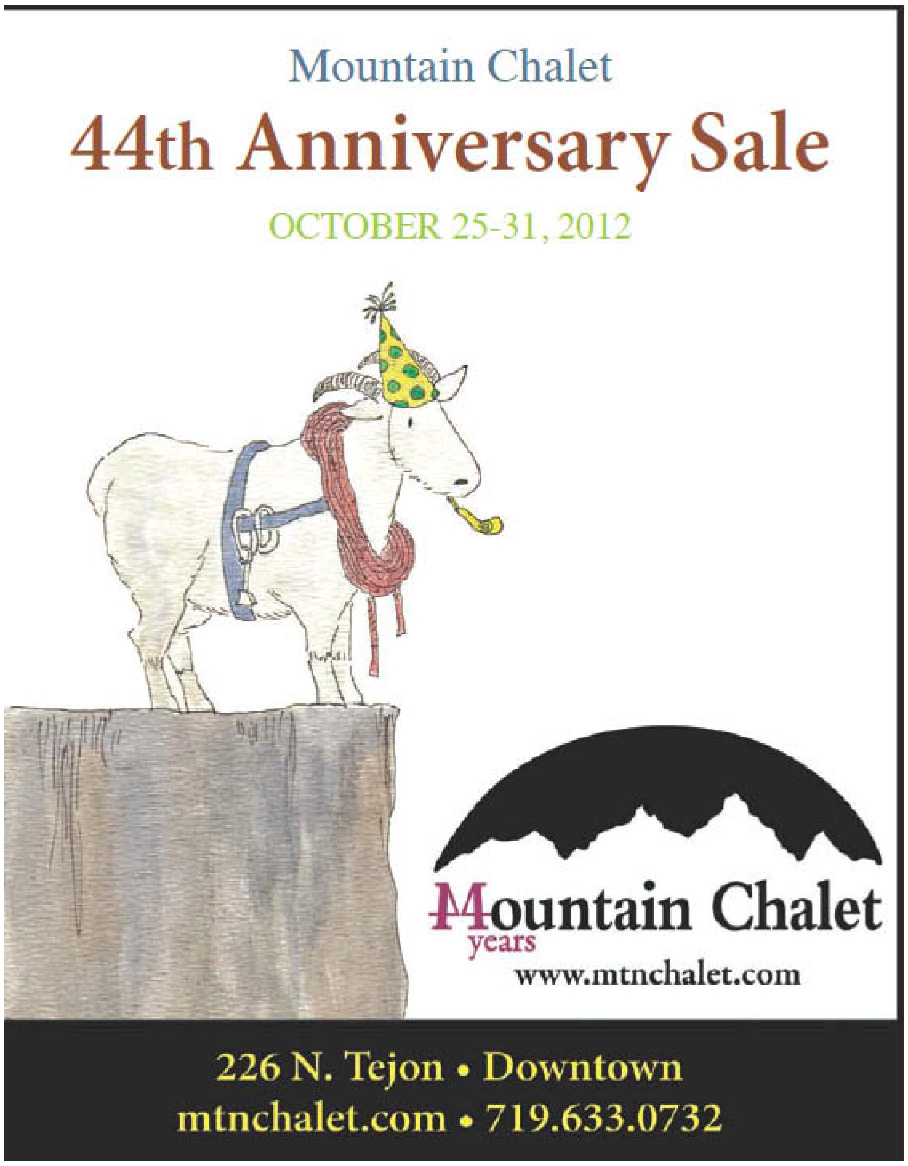

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Bradley Flora

Hair Stylist

Sara Mascarenas at Eden Salon and Barbershop *(12 E. Kiowa St., 520-3336, edensalon-evolution.com)*

When Eden Salon and Barbershop celebrated its seventh year in business by making a move to downtown, cosmetologist Sara Mascarenas didn't have to worry about losing her clientèle. A short-hair specialist whose own towering, yet oddly ladylike mohawk is a walking advertisement for her skill with the shears, Mascarenas says most of her customers were only too happy to follow her over from Rockrimmon. But when parts of her old neighborhood started going up in flames during the Waldo Canyon Fire this summer, she returned the love with free stylist services for anyone who'd been affected. To find Mascarenas downtown, just look for the angel wings on the storefront. Sure, it's a common enough motif, but Eden and Mascarenas have really earned theirs. — ***CAS***

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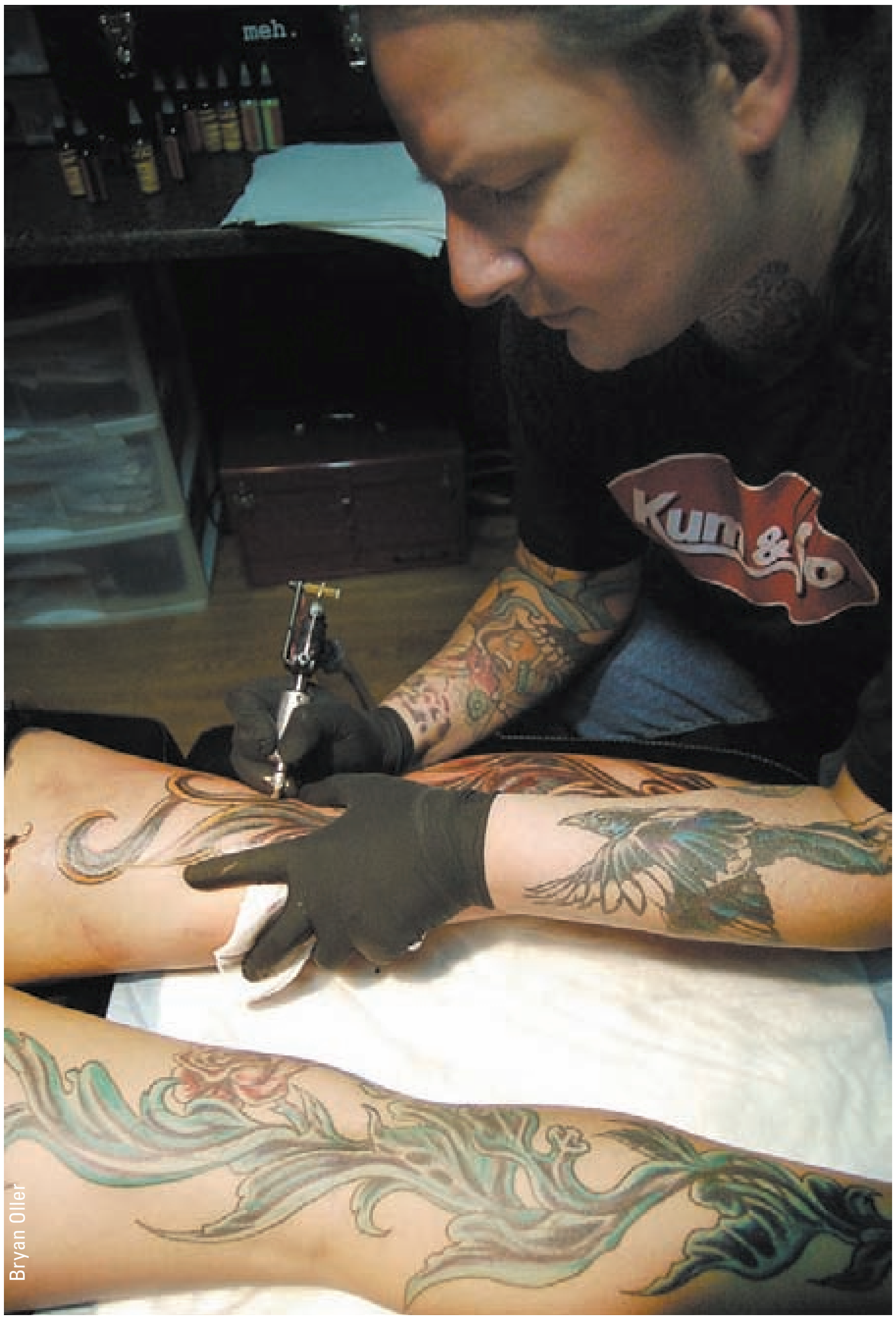

Bryan Oller

Place to Get Tattooed

Piercing Parlor

Pens & Needles Custom Tattoo Company *(716 N. Weber St., #200, 287-5605, pens-needles.com; 3737 Drennan Road, 391-7367, pens-needles2.com)*

Even though Pens & Needles owner Kristina Wright says she's "running out of space" on her body for more tattoos, she still has some personal limits when it comes to body art. One of her master artists had a young lady, "four-eleven, probably 80 pounds, [who] sat for nine, nine and a half hours straight, except for an occasional break for eating.

"She impressed me," Wright says. "I mean, I'm not sitting there for nine hours!"

Wright, who's retired military, has limits for her employees, too.

"It's a requirement — they have to know how to draw," she says. "They have to know how to be a custom artist, which means when the customer comes up to you, whip up some designs. Just start sketching some things. I think that builds way more trust than, 'Hey, I'm gonna get Number 31 from the wall.'"

And people seem to be receptive. Her tattoo artists produce more than 200 tats a month; her piercers, about 75 holes a month. And Wright, who opened the original Pens & Needles on Weber Street in 2008, just opened a second store on Drennan Road six months ago. Each shop is designed to offer a bit of privacy; employees have their own defined spaces, allowing customers to be able to sit longer, watch their own TVs, and relax more, "in their own little zone."

Perfect, perhaps, for the introverted among us, or those who want something more unusual. Wright hesitates when asked about the most outrageous tats her artists have done. "I don't know if I can say this over the phone," she says, laughing. "We've had a couple 'good spots.'"

How do the artists feel about those "spots"? "Some of the old-school guys," she says, "they don't care as long as you're paying for it."

But it does depend on the artist.

"We have one female artist," Wright explains. "She's really kinda flexible also, it just depends on exactly where you're gonna put it.

"She doesn't do too many of the wangs." — ***KA***

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Hair Salon

Day Spa

VEDA Salon & Spa *(7443 N. Academy Blvd., 314-1480; 2110 Southgate Road, #201, 578-8332; 5182 N. Nevada Ave., 265-5660; coloradoveda.com)*

Whether you need a trim or a completely new 'do, VEDA's got you covered. And according to our readers, they'll also treat you mighty fine no matter which spa treatments you decide to pamper yourself with — from chakra-balancing massages to skin-renewal facials, for women *and* men. Owners Carrie Perkins and Sandy Francis obviously take pride in their business, as well as the work they do outside their salons. The VEDA name can be seen across town on fundraisers such as the "Faces of the World" Fashion Show and Greenie Awards, benefitting the Catamount Institute, and this month's inaugural Strides for Epilepsy 5K. — ***KA***

Nail Salon

Helen's Nails

(2832 N. Powers Blvd., 574-8640)

Helen's Nails has been in the same location for 15 years, and when Uyen Le bought the business nine years ago, she decided to keep the name, too. "My mom had a salon, so I grew up in the nail business," says Le, "and my mom's name is Helen. So it was meant to be." Helen's Nails is a busy salon with 14 employees, open seven days a week. "We offer original, hand-painted custom nails, with over 100 designs on our Facebook page," Le says. "If you have your own idea, that's OK, too. We can match anything. We also specialize in bridal parties and birthday parties, even for little kids; it's really fun when we get a group of 5-year-old girls all getting their nails done!" — ***KK***

Barbershop

Locals Barbershop *(5230 N. Nevada Ave., #120, 265-5547, localscut.com)*

Beer on tap at a barber shop? "Oh, yeah," says barber John Marquez. "It's always an incentive to come in, relax, get a hot-towel shave." Much like the University Village store itself, which features local art on the walls, loud music in the speakers and hip, tattooed employees, offering up Great Divide Brewing Co. beer is a modern twist on what might seem like something out of a history book — the straight-razor shave. Don't worry about Marquez going all Sweeney Todd on you, though — there's nothing sinister about the guy or his job. At Locals, he says, they just "like to keep it old-school." — ***KA***

Tanning Salon

Tan Your Hide

(Multiple locations, tanyourhide.com)

In a city where sun-blocking clouds are scarce, it seems counterintuitive to go inside to absorb some UVA and UVB rays. But, Tan Your Hide owner Liz Melahn points out, "In a salon, it's controlled. When you're outside, especially in Colorado, you're apt to get burned, even in the wintertime." And *Indy* readers have

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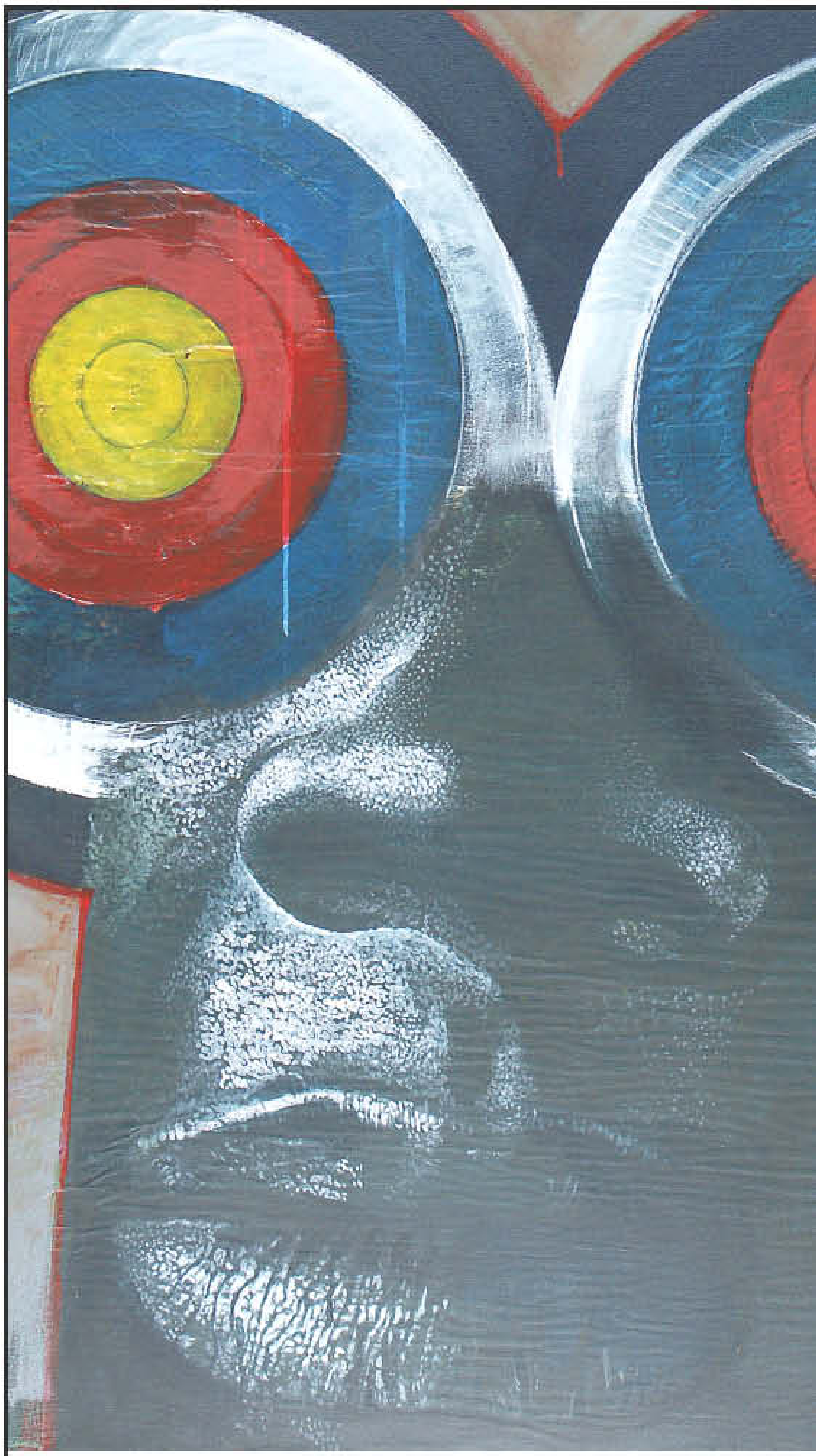

FALL AT THE FAC

Oct. 27	Opening: *Floyd D. Tunson: Son of Pop*
Nov. 1	Educators' Open House
Nov. 4 & 9	Ormao Dance Company Fall Gallery Performance
Nov 17	Free Family Adventure Day: *Floyd D. Tunson*
Nov. 29	Opening: *A Christmas Story*
Dec. 3	FAC Member registration for Bemis Winter/Spring session
Dec. 13	Opening: *WYNOT Radio Theatre: It Came Upon A Midnight Deadly*

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Untitled 96 (version 1)(detail), Floyd D. Tunson, 2005, Mixed media, 48 x 48 inches

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Nutritionist

Pure Nutrition *(22 E. Bijou St., 322-8766, herbalife.com)*

It's the first year we've offered this category, and if you were expecting a licensed nutritionist and/or dietician who might advise you, in one-on-one sessions, on what to eat to overcome specific illnesses or enhance general health, then Pure Nutrition will be a surprise to you. The Bijou Street café/retail store acts as more of a front for the distribution of Herbalife, a 22-year-old, multi-level marketing company with independent distributors in more than 80 countries.

One of those distributors is 24-year-old Kati Brewer, who became an Herbalife rep in May and opened Pure Nutrition in July, with the help of her husband Jonathan. She calls the business a "nutrition club," offering memberships to drink Herbalife protein shakes or teas in this bright purple-and-green-hued, smoothie-bar-like setting, as well as retail products to prepare at home.

Before committing to a 10-shake punch card, which includes two freebies, guests are welcome to sample the first time for free. Herbalife's meal-replacing shakes (available in allergy- and gluten-free mixes) are low-calorie and high-protein, promoting "cellular nutrition," in Brewer's words. She offers support for weight loss or gain (for athletes) and can access an Herbalife database to share information related to specific ailments.

According to its website, Herbalife staffs 180 scientists and spent $25 million in 2011 between research and development, quality control, "scientific affairs" and other operations. So we aren't talking snake oil or some unregulated product with claims of magical proportions — just user-friendly tools for making gains with your health goals.

Brewer wears a badge that proudly promotes the 70 pounds she's recently lost (the last 20 of which while using Herbalife products). Drop in between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday to let her share more about her diet programs, and look for weekly yoga and Zumba classes in the space soon. — ***MS***

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voted Melahn's 31-year-old tanning studios the top indoor place to tan for eight years running. The spa-like salon offers 10 levels of tanning, including UV, airbrush and sunless, with different levels in each category. However you get it, Melahn says, "You need Vitamin D, you need some sunlight, and you need 15 minutes a day." — ***DM***

Bank/Credit Union

ENT Federal Credit Union

(Multiple locations, ent.com)

In the spirit of disclosure, I bank with ENT. And further in that spirit, I'm very happy that I do. Here's my story: One day I get a call from a woman with ENT, and she has distressing news. Someone, not me, just called and tried to access my bank account. This person had my name, address, phone number and Social Security number, and said that he just had forgotten the account's password. No dice, ENT told the imposter: If he wanted to get the password, he'd have to do it in person, at a branch. Perhaps this kind of service is provided by most banks, but ENT's promptness and professionalism was very comforting for me in an extremely discomforting moment. Its handling of that minor crisis won it a long-time customer. — ***CH***

Lawyer

Matthew Clawson *(115 E. Vermijo Ave., #101, 634-1848; 1155 Kelly Johnson Blvd., 471-7505; clawsonlawfirm.com)*

According to an old chestnut told to me by an attorney, lawyers have to love two of these three things: debating, language and money. Matthew Clawson doesn't see it that way, necessarily. "I would add helping people," he says. "I get great satisfaction from helping others. If it was amount of money or debating, I would not practice law. It is all about helping people, in my mind." A second-generation attorney, Clawson has been in private practice for 13 years, and opened his civil law firm with his brother Mike in 2004. This is Clawson's second time to win this category. What makes his firm stand out? "We treat others," he says, "as we would like to be treated ourselves." — ***CH***

Doctor

Aaron Smith *(5901 Corporate Drive, 355-1956, aaronsmithplasticsurgery.com)*

This is the second straight year that Aaron Smith, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, has won our Best Doctor award. That says something, especially since his practice has only been around for two years. "It's a field in medicine that allows you to give something to your patient that they might not have, or that was taken away from them," says Smith, who completed his plastic surgery fellowship at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Sometimes it's hard to feel comfortable around doctors, what with all that "medical language" sounding like gibberish, but Smith knows that communication is key: "It's about being able to relate to the patient on a regular basis ... having them feel comfortable telling you exactly what they're looking for." — ***CW***

Holistic Practitioner

Valerie Blankenship of Sage Woman Herbs & Clinic *(108 E. Cheyenne Road, 473-9702, sagewomanherbs.com)*

Valerie Blankenship has two small posters under the glass on her desk. One shows photos of fingernails and the other of tongues, all displaying the unattractive symptoms of various illnesses. It could make a visitor bashful about those body parts; you just know Blankenship could read you like a Dick and Jane book. But she's been helping people for more than 23 years, so clearly she uses her wisdom (and fistful of certifications) for good during clients' 90-minute consultations. "What I do is educate people about natural substances and how those substances can help bring them back into balance," she says. "I'm going to try to get to the root of the problem." — ***RVP***

Naturopath

Ruth Adele

(1625 W. Uintah St., Suite I, 636-0098)

A doctor of naturopathy for 29 years, Dr. Ruth Adele spends up to two hours in an initial consultation. "We work to find a cause of a problem, instead of just cover up the symptoms," says Adele, who also won this award last year. Whether you're suffering from fatigue, joint pain, depression, hormonal imbalances, digestive disorders, allergies or other health issues, Adele incorporates natural remedies with "fundamental old-time viewpoints on health and healing," for a well-rounded approach to well-being. — ***DK***

Realtor

Jason Daniels, RE/MAX

(5590 N. Academy Blvd., 268-8086, jasondanielshomes.com)

If I had it to do over again, I would ask Jason Daniels this first: "How do you feel about the real estate market right now?" Because as much as he kindly answered

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Kin Scott

Bradley Flora

Dentist

Julia Rohleder, The Downtown Dentist

(105 N. Tejon St., 260-0216, thedowntowndentist.net)

A first-time winner, Dr. Julia Rohleder spent her growing-up years in Colorado Springs as part of an Air Force family. She graduated from Rampart High School and then left to get her degree in Illinois. But she returned to start her practice here — with a downtown location to make it convenient — and offers services that run the gamut: preventive (with emphasis on reducing radiation exposure), restorative and cosmetic. As her website says, "Having a beautiful, healthy smile can make the difference in our confidence and self esteem." — ***PZ***

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my questions about his background (he's 34, a Doherty and Colorado State University grad, with experience in construction management), his geographic focus (the entire Pikes Peak region, essentially) and even how many miles he drives annually (about 20,000), Daniels really got going when he got to talk shop. His bottom line: "Right now is a great opportunity for anyone sitting on the fence, either a first-time buyer or someone who wants to get into real estate investing." If you want more, call Daniels' office: You're virtually guaranteed to reach either the nine-year pro or one of his three team members. — ***KW***

INDY PICK Way to Brace Yourself (And Your Kids)

Johnson Orthodontics

(5850 Tutt Center Point, #100; 15435 Gleneagle Drive, #210, 596-3081; coloradospringsortho.com)

The braces verdict is painful enough to swallow. Add the hit to the budget and the hassle, and it can be downright excruciating. After comparing what's out there, I found that Johnson Orthodontics not only gave the best price quote for my kids' dental work, but also the shortest timeframe to get the job done. Dr. Warren Johnson invites parents to be involved, treats each kid like he or she is his most important client, and has friendly helpers. Beyond all that, we pleasantly discovered that the service is kid-cool, from the initial computer check-in. You can play video games, watch movies during procedures, and earn tokens to cash in for surprisingly un-cheesy prizes. — ***DK***

Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Strawberry Fields Alternative Health & Wellness

(3404 W. Colorado Ave., 471-2837, strawberryfieldsmmj.com)

OK, so maybe Frank Sinatra isn't exactly what you'd expect to be echoing through a business that sells a product more often associated with, well, just about every style of music except that of Ol' Blue Eyes. But it's exactly what you'll find in the lobby of Strawberry Fields, which since opening in 2010 has been about as reliable and professional a dispensary as you'll find. Now, if "reliable" and "professional" are too ephemeral of descriptors for you, check out its collection of edibles for something more, um, tangible. "We have over 200 different edibles here," says employee Jake VanLandschoot, which he suspects is the biggest selection in the state. — ***WM***

Higher Ed for the Money

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

(1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-8227, uccs.edu)

From small-town option to full-fledged higher-ed contender, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs has matured with the city it's called home since 1965. Enrollment has increased 30 percent over the past decade, from 7,446 in 2002 to 9,777 this fall, according to spokesman Tom Hutton. The campus has gone through growing pains to meet the needs of local, regional and out-of-state students, as well as employers specifying workforce desires. And the growth continues: An $18.2 million expansion project is under way for two new dorms by next fall. Plus, the Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences, an $18.5 million building on North Nevada Avenue, will be the university's first structure in the urban renewal zone that brought University Village to the area. Best bang for the buck? You bet. — ***DK***

Higher Ed for Non-traditional Students

Pikes Peak Community College

(Multiple locations and online courses, ppcc.edu)

Inspiration has to be why PPCC took this category. OK, and some top-notch professors. After more than a decade in journalism, I'm taking anatomy and chemistry there myself this semester. When I'm overwhelmed by the 40 to 60 hours a week I'm spending on these classes, I can always look at a neighbor who's doing the same thing — while working for pennies to support a kiddo at home. When you've got many students who are the first in their family to go to college, or are returning years later to finish a degree or to embark on a new path, the inspirational stories never cease. — ***SB***

Interior Design/Home Remodeling

Rich Designs

(1731 Mt. Washington Ave., 475-1200, richdesignshome.com)

Rich Designs artistically mixes floral shop, art gallery, home furnishings store and interior design business. So it's no surprise that co-owner and designer Rich Schell likes interiors to be fun and spontaneous, and describes his look as eclectic: "I love so many varieties of styles that I prefer to mix them all up." The store accepts jobs of all sizes, from helping someone find the perfect couch or carpet to carrying out full-scale, blowout renovations. Couples redesigning their shared space can be more of a challenge, but Schell is straightforward. "One of you has got to love it," he tells them, "and the other has got to get used to it." — ***DM***

Mechanic

Import Specialty Auto

(2348 E. Boulder St., 633-3075, isacarservice.com)

Kevin Jones didn't have a background in the auto-repair industry when he bought Import Specialty Auto in 1997. "I was just looking to go the entrepreneurial route," he says. The Springs native found the perfect business — successful, with loyal customers — and "didn't change anything about it. We just stepped in and tried not to mess anything up." Apparently, he's been doing all right; this is the fourth Best Of in five years for Jones and his seven-employee shop. Part of their success stems from their attention to customers, he says, but it doesn't hurt that they focus on the niche market of imports. By the way, we couldn't let the now-car-expert off the phone without asking: The easiest cars to work on? Toyotas and Hondas. The hardest? BMWs. — ***CH***

Veterinarian

Westside Animal Hospital

(1603 W. Colorado Ave., 632-6111, westsideanimalhospital.com)

What makes Westside stand out? One word: lasers. OK, the experienced veterinarians, wide surgical offerings and gentle care might also help. But the lasers are pretty cool. Westside uses laser therapy to help pets heal wounds faster, and to ease the pain of conditions like arthritis. "It stimulates cell growth," says practice manager Leslie Ornelas. "So that's why it's a much nicer way to heal, other than medication and time." Staying on top of technology is part of what has set Westside apart since 1970, Ornelas says. But she notes that more patients are probably won over by the fact that the receptionist comes out from behind the desk to greet pets warmly, and calm them with treats. And there's the fact that Westside's three vets have been there for between six and 15 years each. — ***JAS***

CHAIN CHAMPS

Kudos to some bigger businesses that locals love:

Inexpensive Haircut

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(Multiple locations, greatclips.com)

Pet Groomer

PetSmart

(Multiple locations, petsmart.com)

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(Multiple locations, remax.com)

Kin Scott

Landscaper/Company

Hiner Landscapes

(2785 Maroon Bells Ave., 357-5770, hinerlandscapes.com)

Matt Hiner creates more than just landscapes — they're "custom outdoor living spaces." We can't think of a more concise way to sum up just what's so inscrutable about the entire concept of "landscaping," that cryptic practice of tending to the blurry space between nature and nurture, chaos and culture. In its fourth year, Hiner Landscapes makes what Hiner calls "inviting and unique" anti-architecture out of the environment. As for the secret to his success, Hiner sticks with the tried-and-true "attention to detail." — ***WM***

INDY PICK Place to Impersonate Mitt Romney

Smudge Car & Dog Wash

(6295 Templeton Gap Road, 528-1330, smudgewash.com)

OK, so you can't *really* indulge your Inner Mitt by driving through with your dog strapped to the roof, but you can still clean car and canine, albeit separately, at Smudge Car & Dog Wash. The north side business bills itself as "The Most Unique Dog Wash in the World," with a variety of services — on-site master certified groomer, two fenced off-leash parks, and dog-wash water getting recycled for use in the drive-thru car wash — all sweetening the deal. — ***BF***

Human Day Care

Giving Tree Montessori School

(1110 W. Moreno Ave., 630-3763, gtmschool.com)

Satisfying a child's "mental hunger" is what Montessori-style day care is all about, and Giving Tree has become the bar to strive toward in the Springs. Classic Montessori systems rely on student discovery and unobtrusive teacher guidance, allowing children to pursue and find their talents, strengths and self-confidence. "Our Peace Curriculum is still the cornerstone of our school," says Gisela Tilch, the director, teacher and owner. "We not only honor, but we celebrate, the cultural differences in the world. It's not just respect, but celebrating and realizing that differences are genuinely cool!" — ***BW***

Casey Bradley Gent

Photographer

Teresa Lee Photography

(2480 Shiprock Way, 548-8300, teresaleephotography.com)

Pointing and shooting are small parts of what leads to a great photo. The big part is what Teresa Lee Photography emphasizes: capturing the emerging personality of, say, a 1-year-old; the pride of a graduating senior; or the love of an engaged couple. In short, it's finding that something that makes others say, "Wow, that's really you." Taking time with each client has helped the business grow, says Robert Lee, Teresa's husband and operations manager — and being the designated photographer for a local hair salon, fitness studio and event center hasn't hurt. From fun and whimsical to serious and sophisticated, the end result is unique and unquestionably the reason for the studio's four consecutive Best Of wins. — ***DK***

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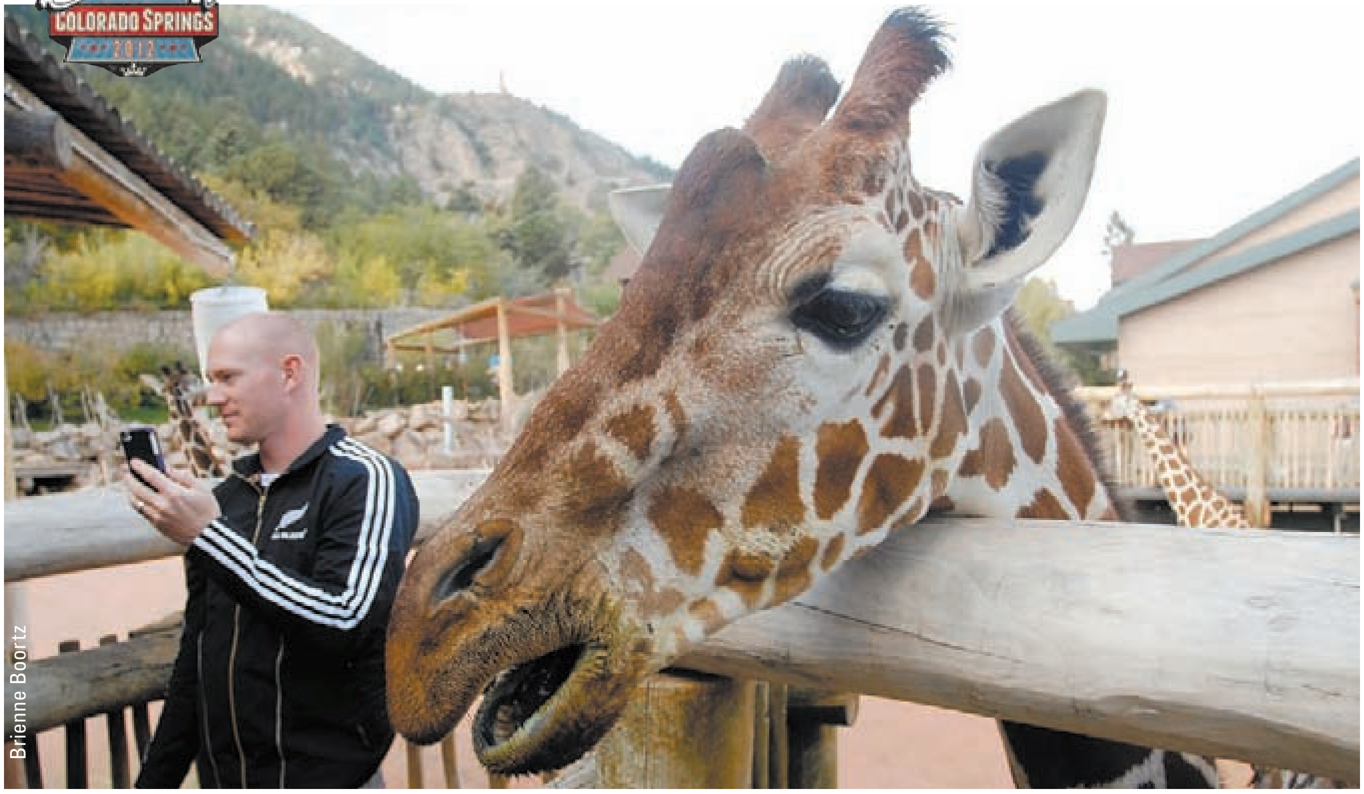

Brienne Boortz

Tourist Destination

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

(4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road, 633-9925, cmzoo.org)

The animals have finally beaten the rocks. Throughout Best Of history, Garden of the Gods has stood tallest in this category. Now, the giraffes (and lions and tigers and bears) have something to crow about. Marketing director Jenny Hillard credits locals for their ever-growing support: About 61 percent of visitors are from the Pikes Peak region, with 13 percent from the Denver area. Soon, visitors will see the new $13.5 million-dollar Encounter Africa exhibit, "which will provide new homes for our African elephants and lions, feature an improved meerkat exhibit, and bring the majestic black rhinoceros back to the zoo," Hillard says. — ***RVP***

Local Hotel/Motel

Bar for a Fancy-Pants Cocktail

The Broadmoor

(1 Lake Ave., 634-7711, broadmoor.com)

You could sit at any one of The Broadmoor's snazzy bars to slowly sip through a fancy-pants cocktail, like bartender Dennis Schuler's Harvest Old Fashioned, a Summit "Hall of Fame" drink that features house-made cinnamon cocktail bitters. But I'd save that for when it's too cold to be under the stars. In the meantime, the resort's gorgeous outdoor patio has an immense stone fireplace to warm your skin as you cozy down with friends or a loved one in oversized couches. On a cool Colorado eve, order your drink from the Broadmoor Main bar and head outside. The area overlooks Cheyenne Lake and gives you a gorgeous view of the heart of the 3,000-acre, Five-Diamond and Five-Star property. — ***KA***

INDY PICK Neighborhood Hangout that's Off the Beaten Path

Sabi & Raven's Nest Coffee

(330 N. Institute St., 471-4237 (Sabi); 632-3433, ravensnestcoffee.com (Raven's Nest)

It's easy to think of the usual suspects when planning your day, but if you want to treat yourself — and not have to fight or pay for parking — start your morning east of downtown at Raven's Nest Coffee. The drinks are fair-trade and organic, the chairs are comfy, and the baristas are friendly. If it's late enough, you can hit Sabi next door to peruse the shop's funky collection of well-priced vintage and steampunk wear and other oddities. Or just wait for a First Friday, when Sabi's hoppin' with art exhibits, music, food and drink. — ***KA***

Casino

Double Eagle Hotel & Casino

(442 Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, 719/689-5000, decasino.com)

Double Eagle gives away lots of loot to customers, but has a soft spot for charities. It recently contributed to Fort Carson's Wounded Warrior Project, and helped the Cripple Creek Elks club raise money for Mountain View Medical Clinic. But it's the training each employee must undergo that really makes the casino stand out. It has a vigorous, world-class customer-service program designed to establish personalized relationships with every customer, at every level. "We learn how to establish personal relationships with customers and proper interactions," says one employee. "Then we have refresher courses periodically, with role playing to work out how to best serve each customer's needs." Double Cha-ching! — ***BW***

Movie Theater

Kimball's Peak Three Theater

(115 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 447-1945, kimballstwinpeak.com)

Booze in the theater, yummy popcorn — all that stuff you love remains intact. Let's talk about what really matters: The National Association of Theatre Owners predicts 35 mm film will cease being distributed by 2013's end. "Convert or die" is the phrase being tossed around, and hundreds of small independents like Kimball's are facing pricey digital-projector upgrades. General manager Matt Stevens says Kimball's is strategizing for its own transition (currently costing upward of $65,000 to $95,000 per screen) and that when it happens, "it'll be spectacular," with better crispness and resolution, higher contrast and more vivid colors on a brighter picture. Expect new screens and a new sound system, too. Until then, Stevens says the best films of the year will land in November and December, so don't be a stranger. — ***MS***

Artist

Liese Chavez

(In residence at Mountain Living Studio, 741 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-0225, liesechavez.com)

This is the second year in a row Liese Chavez has taken first place in this category. With so many artists living and working in the area, it's quite a coup — especially since she's self-taught. "I

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Dance Studio

Ormao Dance Company

(10 S. Spruce St., 471-9759, ormaodance.org)

Martha Graham envisioned dance as a weapon, something powerful and prodigious. The great American dancer and choreographer would have found kindred spirits at Ormao Dance Company, a company that derives its name from an ancient Greek term that meant "movement with force."

Now a few years from its silver anniversary, Ormao (or-MY-oh) began when executive director Jan Johnson pulled together a troupe of dancers. "I've always said it wasn't like I planned having a modern dance company — that was not necessarily my dream," says Johnson, a Wisconsin native. "But I know I always loved dance, and I never knew how I was going to be able to incorporate it into my life."

After consulting with dancers and choreographers in the Springs and Denver, Johnson took the plunge: She started offering dance classes, and Ormao was born. With that came the concept of community collaborations, which has become Ormao's calling card: "I feel like that's really what we do best," Johnson says.

And how. Ormao works with fellow nonprofit institutions like the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center — upcoming performances will include gallery dances at October's *Son of Pop* Floyd Tunson retrospective (see p. 64), and April's multidisciplinary Family program — Imagination Celebration and the Colorado Springs Conservatory. It even works with outreach organizations like Greccio Housing, giving free hip-hop classes to the kids living in some Greccio apartments.

Within Ormao's own walls, Johnson has renters hosting such activities as stroller fitness classes for new moms. As usual, Johnson's brainstorming ways to collaborate, and now she has the room to do it; Ormao relocated to a larger space on the west side last June. "The space has really become exactly what we hoped it would be, and that is a space for the community to come in and try lots of different things."

That adds up to 100-plus dance students, 11 company dancers, a space to host art exhibits, the return of its open-mic-esque Open Stage nights, a Mathtastic! educational program, and of course, dance shows. Now that's movement with force. — ***EA***

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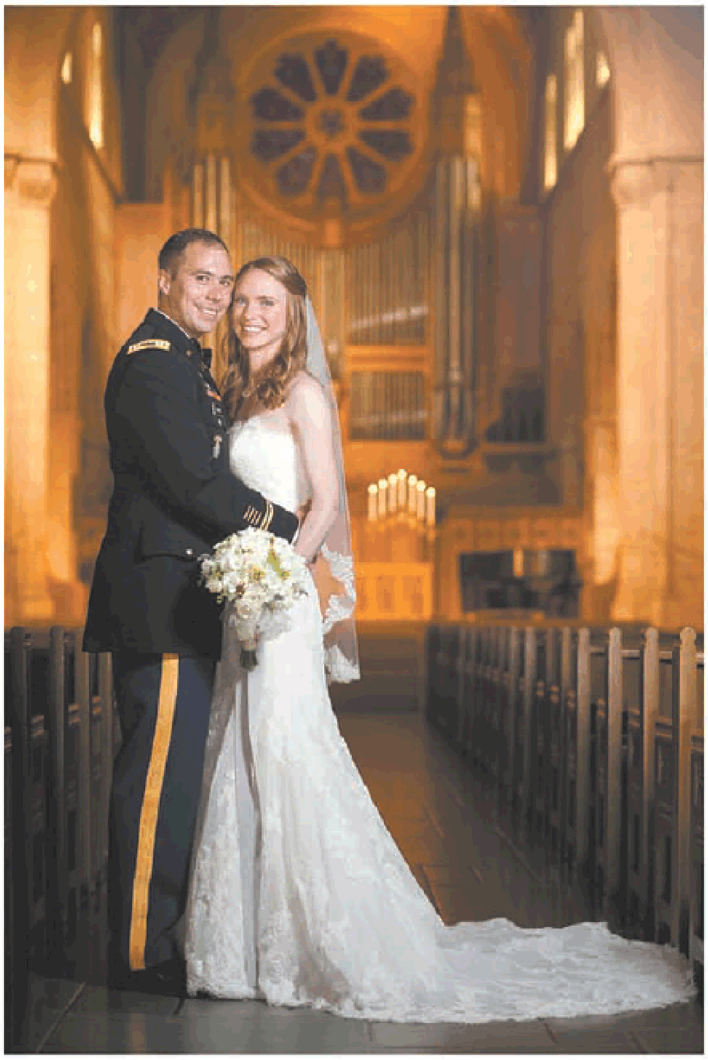

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The Pinery *(12375 Black Forest Road, 495-9499, thepinery.com)*

The Pinery recently merged with Garden of the Gods Gourmet, adding more culinary options for those planning an event at a Black Forest venue that already has its own floral, entertainment and audio/visual departments. "Now we're able to service our guests with what they need," says Eric Allen, vice president, COO and managing partner. More expansion is in the works, of course, with plans to create a sister version in the old Fish Market on the west edge of downtown. Expect a big 2013 from this 2012 winner. — ***SB***

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learned to paint by reading books, watching videos and going on the Internet," she says, "and I'm still learning all the time. But it's about more than technique; my themes tell personal stories. I like to paint what I can't see as well as what I can see." Fairy tales, myths and sayings provide the narrative for her paintings, which range from whimsical folk pieces to large, somewhat darker works imbued with deep colors and naturalistic details. And you just might see one where you don't expect it: "I paint on the streets to share my techniques with customers and other artists. I've learned that all people share many things; we're all on a collective path." — ***KK***

Brienne Boortz

INDY PICK Sex Talk

In the Next Room *(or the Vibrator Play)*

Joye Cook-Levy made her Colorado directorial debut in 2012 at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center with the Pulitzer-nominated *In the Next Room (or the Vibrator Play)*. She says though she took lots of women's studies classes in college, ran the local NOW chapter and a student group called the Gender Equality Association, and even "went undercover one summer working for Eleanor Smeal," she'd never heard the history of the vibrator and how it was used originally as a clinical instrument to treat women for hysteria. (Nor, as she adds, was she party to any "female orgasm discussions of any topical worth.") Didn't attend the production? You missed a fantastic performance, but you can still get educated by reading *The Technology of Orgasm* by Rachel P. Maines, on which playwright Sarah Ruhl based her work. Then go share your newfound knowledge with someone. Maybe your daughter. Or yourself. — ***KA***

Art Exhibition

Cultural Attraction/Museum

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center *(30 W. Dale St., 634-5581, csfineartscenter.org)*

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's 75th anniversary has come and gone, but nothing is settling down at the institution. This year, the FAC gave Springs audiences the work of world-famous contemporary artist James Turrell, as well as sure-to-be-world-famous locals Scott Johnson and Floyd Tunson (see p. 64). On the theatrical side, it's debuted a second-stage season and offered more tickets at a lower price. The Bemis School of Art also continues to dish out satisfaction, says FAC president and CEO Sam Gappmayer. "Bemis is like this juggernaut: It does the same thing every year, but it does it exceptionally well," he says, adding, "It's a class of 18 where someone has a pro-

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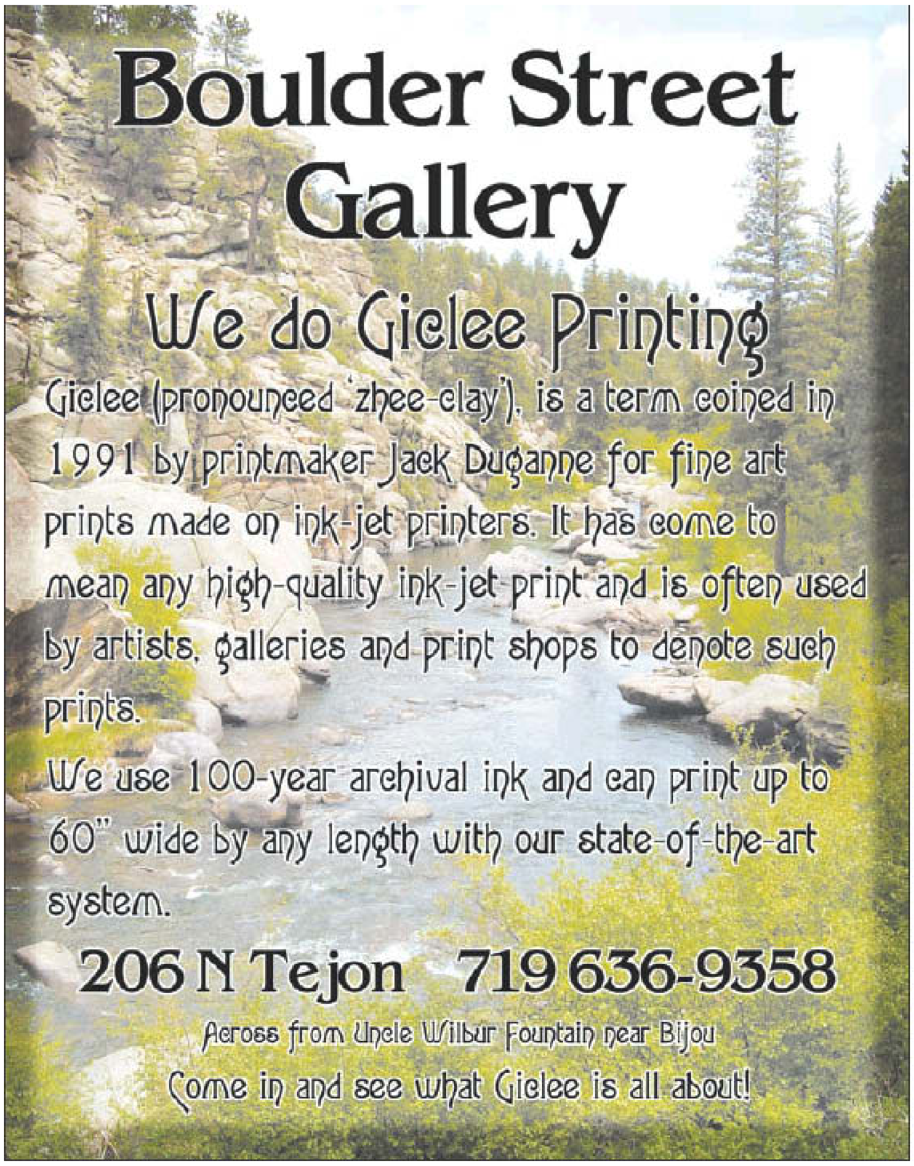

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Martial Arts

Tai Chi Association of Colorado Springs *(108 E. Cheyenne Road, #211, 375-8339, taichicoloradosprings.com)*

'Be mindful of the insubstantial and the substantial."

On the dry-erase board in the corner of the Tai Chi Association's open and airy second-floor studio, master instructor Michael Paler has left his students words of instruction, encouragement and advice. At the top is this deceptively simple suggestion.

Turns out these words are all we'll hear from Paler today; Howard Drossman, a beginning tai chi instructor at the school, says Paler happens to be on the rare vacation when we visit. "The school wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Michael," says Drossman, a middle-aged college professor. "It's a shame you can't meet him."

Paler's absence, however, does give his students the opportunity to speak candidly about their school's master. And they say Paler is a gifted instructor and true martial artist. While he understands and stresses the martial, or self-defense, aspects of tai chi — often lost or ignored in tai chi schools — Paler apparently also captures and imparts the spiritual and healing qualities that draw young and old to the Chinese import.

"I came to it for the spiritual and relaxation qualities," he Drossman says, "but Michael is a very great martial artist."

The school is decidedly calm, inviting and peaceful. This afternoon, only a few students are mingling about after a push-hands class. Also present is Monika Milburn, also a certified instructor. She says that she was attracted to tai chi, and Paler's school, after surviving cancer.

"I realized I needed a big change in my life," says Milburn, who's referred to as the school's matron by another student. "I wanted to speak [tai chi] like a language, so that it would come out of me like an eloquent expression."

What she's learning under Paler, she believes, will allow her that freedom. — ***CH***

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found experience with their own creativity." Whether you view or create there, the FAC provides a holistic approach to art (for all ages, no less) that makes it a well-deserved community flagship. — ***EA***

Pilates Studio

ReVibe Pilates & Bodywork *(115 N. Tejon St. #117B, 231-6430, revibepilates.com)*

Wrapping yourself in silk and hanging from the ceiling puts a whole new twist on a workout, and that's the goal of ReVibe co-owner Trish Doyle-Stahl. The Pilates studio that also offers bodywork has been in a few locations in the past few years, and has found a new home tucked behind Tejon Street, next to the lululemon store across from Old Chicago. With the downtown spot, Doyle-Stahl plans to offer a lunchtime power Barre fitness class as well as lunchtime chair massages by her husband (and co-owner) Kenny Stahl. But her Saturday Pilates mat class has typically been the most popular, along with ball classes and the aforementioned aerial silks. — ***SB***

INDY PICK Way to Hike Without Your Honey

Outdoor Club *(meetup.com/outdoor-club-cs)*

Maybe your significant other doesn't want to be outside quite as much as you do. Or maybe you're solo but want to be responsible and hike with other people. You might even make some friends in the process. The Outdoor Club is arranged on meetup.com, a group organization website, and events are held several days a week. Outings range from walkabouts at Red Rock Canyon or Garden of the Gods to ascents of 14ers. This being one of the largest local groups on meetup.com, with nearly 1,500 members, spots can fill up fast. But another hike is never far off. — ***SB***

Gallery

Place to See Emerging Artists

Place to Buy Art

The Modbo *(17C E. Bijou St., 633-4240, themodbo.wordpress.com)*

It's another trifecta for this downtown art complex, which won the same categories last year. Brett and Lauren Andrus say the Modbo's small size — in staff and square footage — allows them to innovate more quickly than larger galleries. "It is really just the two of us, and Brett has really crazy ideas all the time," Lauren says. "Some of them don't work, but a lot of times they do." Brett's roles as art teacher and curator help him tune in to the local art scene, and they maintain connections with art lovers and creators. And if some of their ideas crop up elsewhere in town? Says Brett: "We take that as a compliment." — ***RVP***

Bed and Breakfast

Avenue Hotel Bed and Breakfast *(711 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1277, avenuehotelbandb.com)*

Some B&Bs are more showy than utilitarian. Not the Avenue. The sprawling, three-story structure, originally built in 1886 as a boarding house, is homey, uncluttered and not too frou frou; it blends antiques, Victorian throwbacks and mountain décor for an eclectic feel. Not to mention two dogs and three cats, which owner Gwenn David calls a "big draw." David, a former wallpaper-hanger, bought the property four years ago with her husband, Randy Hodges, and revamped it. Now nine spacious guest rooms boast king- or queen-sized beds, private bathrooms and extras such as afternoon wine and an outdoor garden hot tub. "It's become an industry," David says, "and people expect more out of breakfast, and they want interaction with the host and other guests." — ***DK***

Yoga Studio

CorePower Yoga *(623 N. Nevada Ave., 477-9642; 1025 W. Garden of the Gods Road, 265-8611; corepoweryoga.com)*

CorePower Yoga already has an admirable reach, having won this category six times in seven years, but in 2012 the studios branched out further. They brought live music to the popular summer yoga in Monument Valley Park, drawing crowds on Saturday mornings and leading to picnics afterward. Regional manager Lora Lantz says it's just expanding the sense of community that exists within the studios, where "the classes are so different, they attract different people." — ***SB***

Running Club

Weekly Bar Event

Jack Quinn's Running Club

(jackquinnsrunners.com)

Shawn Finley knows how much he brings to the runners and downtown. People talk about overcoming health issues and depression after joining Jack Quinn's Running Club for its Tuesday night runs. Hell, he even met his future wife on one. That sense of community brought out another record number of people this last June with nearly 1,800 runners, walkers and joggers. "I'm not the only one struggling on the hill by CC on Uintah," he says. "There's 500 more people doing the same thing." They're also supporting downtown business on a weeknight: Finley says a study the club conducted revealed that his runners and friends spend an average of $11 per person. — ***SB***

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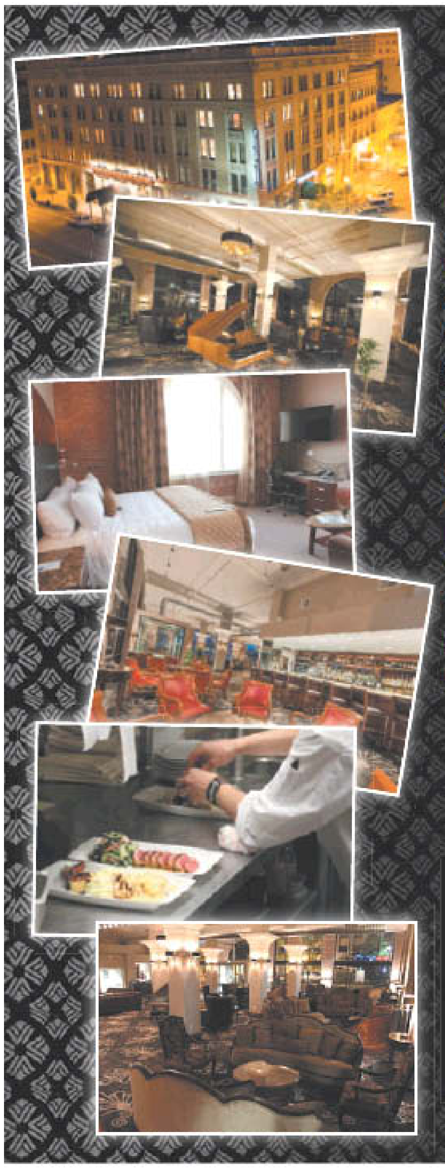

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Hero of the Year

Waldo Canyon Fire emergency responders

Four months after the horrific Waldo Canyon Fire in northwest El Paso County, banners and signs thanking firefighters, first responders and other emergency workers who helped extinguish the most destructive and expensive blaze in state history still hang on fences and structures spared by the flames.

After the fire started June 23, more than 1,200 firefighters came from near and far — and occasionally, directly from other wildfire-fighting efforts — to work on containment. On many days, those on the front lines battled the beast in record-high temperatures, above 100 degrees. As stories began emerging about how firefighters slept in the streets to protect as many homes as they could and traversed steep mountain terrain to reach remote sites, the entire community embraced their bravery, heroism and dedication.

El Paso County Commissioner Sallie Clark, who represents District 3, the area most impacted by the fire, says the true meaning of community emerged during the crisis, which wound up claiming two lives and almost 350 homes.

"I was extremely impressed how everyone came together with one mission, some putting themselves directly in the line of the fire to save lives and property," she says.

One person in particular, Jerri Marr, a U.S. Forest Service supervisor who led daily press conferences, received countless accolades for her level-headedness, calm and professionalism. But outside the TV lights, hundreds of residents lined the streets night after night with signs and words of encouragement as weary firefighters returned to their tents on Mesa Road.

"As we take the long road to recovery," Clark says, "we must never forget those who worked each day in the intense heat and difficult conditions, and those who worked behind the scenes to become our community heroes." — ***DK***

Radio Station: Music

Radio Station: Talk

KRCC-FM 91.5

(912 N. Weber St.,473-4801, krcc.org)

The word "community" gets thrown around an awful lot these days, but KRCC's entire family can truly stand behind its claim of caring. The proof? The station cut short a membership drive when it became clear that this summer's Waldo Canyon Fire necessitated constant coverage — and yet, general manager Delaney Utterback says, listeners kept donating anyway. Meanwhile, folks who walk into the North Weber Street headquarters during one of those volunteer-manned drives quickly realize that Radio Colorado College's "community" transcends mere listenership (and scare quotes, for that matter), and spills over into, you know, the real world. In this otherwise post-media age of click-tivism and compartmentalized apathy, that's pretty miraculous. We're certainly impressed. — ***WM***

Local Talk Radio Personality

Richard Randall

(KVOR-AM 740, 540-0740 talk, 209-6706 text)

I am here to tell you that KVOR headquarters is a land apart, one where men hold doors for women, everyone's chipper and microphone-ready at 8:30 a.m., and star pundits wear trucker hats with totally unironic gusto. It's about as unlike the *Indy* as you can get (I'm pretty sure trucker hats burst into flame upon entry), but that hasn't stopped our readers from crowning KVOR's Richard Randall and his show with Best Of gold five years running. Whether he's mouthing off about La Leche League or promoting community philanthropy through the *Give!* campaign, the trained trial lawyer keeps his laser focus and boisterous patter firmly trained on local issues, a choice we can all salute. — ***CAS***

Local TV Newscast

KKTV 11 News

(3100 N. Nevada Ave., 578-0000, kktv.com)

Though there's a lot to like about watching KKTV — Don Ward's handsome, Dianne Derby's beautiful, Sam Farnsworth once clarified for people that there's a difference between Broncos fans and Tebow fans — my favorite recent reason is the station's wall-to-wall coverage of the Waldo Canyon Fire. After finding out on Twitter that something was burning, I turned on KKTV and never turned it off, because the newscast never *went* off. "We were the

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Radio DJ

Local Radio Show

Woody Powers / Goose and Woody Morning Show (KKPK-FM 92.9 "The Peak," 272-7325, 929peakfm.com)

'Did you know that Peak FM's Woody Powers has lived in Colorado Springs for almost 10 years, and in almost 10 years he's never once been mentioned in the *Colorado Springs Independent*?" So begins a 92.9 Peak FM promotion aimed at getting out the vote for this year's Radio DJ winner, who just happens to co-host this year's Local Radio Show winner. The promo goes on to point out how Woody (pictured left) has also spent nearly 10 years saving the lives of countless bunnies and helpless kittens, feeding the elderly by hand, and rescuing mountain lions for the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. While such claims may not be strictly true, they're definitely in keeping with the kind of humor that has helped make Goose and Woody's drive-time banter so popular. — ***BF***

Local Twitterer

Barrett Tryon (@tryonb)

Barrett Tryon is a Twitter fan in a Facebook town. Basically, he prefers the fast-paced nature of tweeting to the leisurely perusal of 800 summer-vacation photos. Tryon has been tweeting since 2008, and has more than 24,000 followers. With a background in news reporting and having worked locally at the *Gazette* and KRDO, Tryon says he offers a "unique perspective where I'm able to offer the news of the day and at the same time show the personal side of me." In addition to following the musings of a self-described quasi-insane news junkie, you can also check out the Twitter account of his dog, Bentley, who's not as prolific but has the rare insight only a four-legged butt-sniffer can offer. — ***DM***

Local Blogger

Carrie Isaac (as springsbargains.com)

Extreme Couponing this ain't. In fact, says local bargain-blogging queen Carrie Isaac, the hit TLC show has acted as a millstone around the neck of the clip 'n save deal, occasioning stricter redemption policies and fewer offers, period. But if savings offers are waning, overall local interest in economical living has risen. Isaac has responded by widening the scope of Springs Bargains to include an interactive Milk Price Tracker, printable shopping lists of on-sale items, and lifestyle advice on cooking from scratch and — a personal goal — reducing food waste. "People are just trying to find the balance between saving money with coupons and overall lifestyle changes to be more frugal," she says. — ***CAS***

Cultural White Knight

Susan Edmondson (730 N. Nevada Ave., 477-0185, beevradenburgfoundation.org)

As executive director of the Bee Vradenburg Foundation, Susan Edmondson helps people understand that the arts are critical to a thriving community and economy. And by "arts," she's not just talking about the

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only people that [broadcast] continuously," says general manager Nick Matesi, who adds the station got "a lot of feedback from folks saying, 'Thank God you're doing this, because I leave my TV on at night, and I know if I wake up and there's something new, you guys are gonna be there.'" Now, isn't that worth an award? — ***BC***

Local TV News Personality

Matt Meister, KRDO NewsChannel 13

(399 S. Eighth St., 575-6285, krdo.com)

As a pretty frequent local-TV news watcher, I can tell you that Matt Meister's doing it right. Taking this award from eight-time winner (and recently retired anchor) Lisa Lyden, the chief meteorologist for KRDO is witty, charming and always seeking to engage with his audience. Just check his Twitter account, which boasts more than 4,500 followers. "With sometimes the rest of the news seeming pretty depressing, I can be the fun guy, and I enjoy that role when the weather isn't threatening," he says. "So I like being able to make comments about some of the sillier news stories and being able to have a little fun, and it seems like viewers have responded to that." And if you like that, you'll love this: Meister recently signed a new five-year contract, putting him in your home until at least November 2017. — ***BC***

Nonprofit Organization

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado (2605 Preamble Point, 528-1247, careandshare.org)

When the Waldo Canyon Fire devastated so many lives in late June, no one could drive to the front lines with a picnic basket. So Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado stepped up, as it always does. "We knew there would be a need for food for the firefighters and other first responders, and then the [evacuated] families," says Shannon Coker, community relations director. The agency's 40,000-square-foot-plus warehouse was quickly stuffed with donated food and beverages — a record 1.6 million pounds in the two weeks after the fire. The fire-related needs having tapered, Care and Share is back to its usual mission: distributing literally millions of pounds of food through Southern Colorado. — ***RVP***

Fundraising Event

A Community Rises

It's not hard to know whom to credit for the success of the Waldo Canyon Fire benefit concert, which was held on July 4 at the World Arena and featured the Flying W Wranglers, Flash Cadillac and others. It's you. Sure, it took the combined efforts of a variety of organizations, including the *Independent*, the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, Focus on the Family and others. But they didn't donate nearly $300,000 in about three hours — you did. And if you total all the contributions from all involved, some half a million dollars was raised for the Pikes Peak United Way that day, making the Golden Rule golden, indeed. Good job, Colorado Springs. — ***BC***

Local Politician

Steve Bach, Colorado Springs mayor

(30 S. Nevada Ave., 385-5900, springsgov.com)

During Best Of voting last year, Steve Bach had been mayor for a few months — and still, your favorite politician was the guy he beat out for the office. In fact, Bach placed third in this category in 2011. But nowadays, there's no denying that the mayor, a longtime heavyweight in the commercial real estate business, is the alpha dog in town. Among other things, the Kansas native and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs grad has done two terms' worth of hiring and firing; led the city during one of its gravest crises; and charged our business leaders with establishing 6,000 new jobs in the next year. His proposed 2013 budget is full of change, reinforcing the notion that city government is like Play-Doh in his 69-year-old hands. Watch closely to see how it all plays out, or just check back next year to see if Bach repeats in this category. — ***KW***

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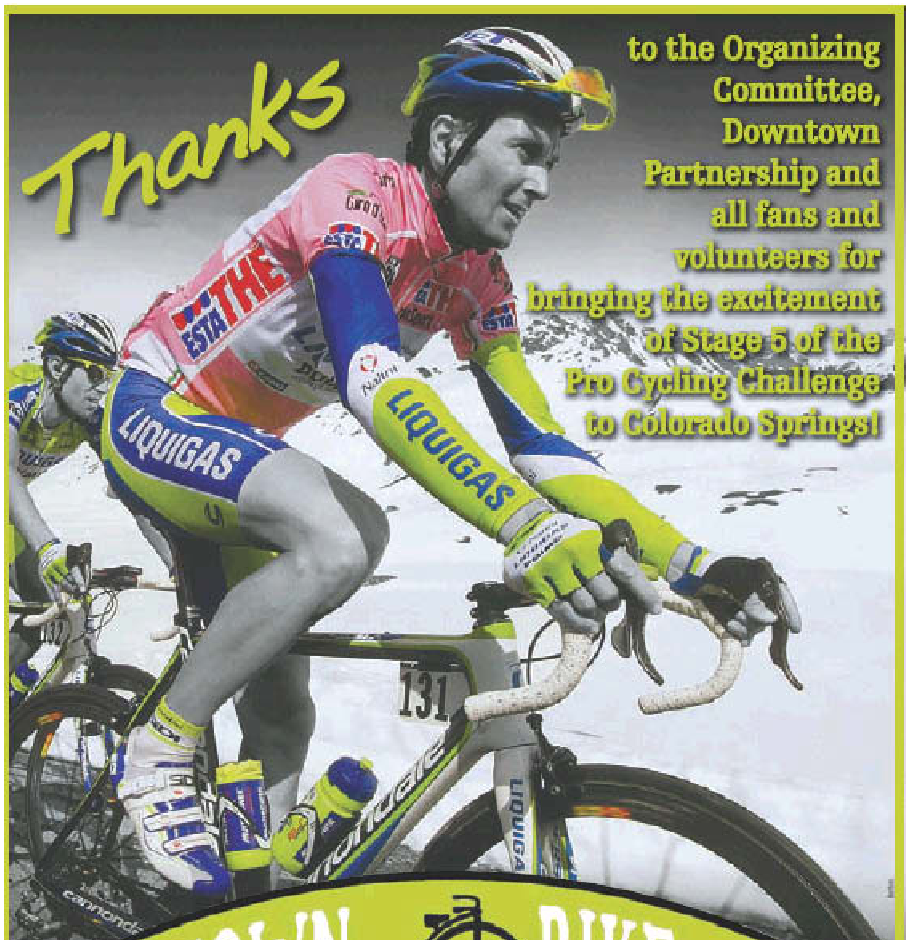
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INDY PICK Local Use of eBay

Michael Creed and the Waldo Canyon Fire Sale

'I travel to over 100 different cities in the world every year and I'm still happy [to] live here," says Michael Creed. "Maybe I'm stupid, but Colorado Springs is my home." If only all of us were so good to our homes. Creed, a 31-year-old world-class cyclist with Optum Pro Cycling, reacted to the Waldo Canyon Fire this summer by taking to eBay between races. Appealing to his fellow cyclists — many of whom would be coming through Colorado Springs during August's USA Pro Cycling Challenge — Creed collected some seriously covet-worthy items, including a Tour de France white jersey (given to the race's best young rider) from Tejay van Garderen. In the end, Creed says, the winning bids on about 100 items generated more than $35,000 — all of which then went to the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross, which had supplied so many victims with food and shelter during the fire. Pretty cool, although Creed deflects the credit to friends who donated and to The Pro's Closet, the bike-focused eBay store that facilitated the auction. "Like most people my age," he says, "I had a good idea but I didn't want to work on it." — ***KW***

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occasional gallery opening or theater performance; enjoying art could mean listening to a church choir, or taking in locally created paintings hanging in coffee shops. Edmondson sees pockets of creativity all over the city, though she adds that she'd "like to see more venues and more affordable locations for artist studios and performance spaces throughout neighborhoods." Of course, more venues would hopefully attract more people to those venues. "I think we have a passionate core of supporters," she says, "and my goal is to make that core larger." — ***DM***

Category We Forgot

Tattoo Artist

We recognize real estate agents, lawyers and hairstylists among other individual professionals in our annual competition, so why not tattoo artists? Why not, indeed. Tattoo artists meld the world of business and art, and "permanent color" in their realm means a whole lot more than it does in a salon. Granted, El Paso County Public Health regulates most everything the employees at our 50-some local facilities do, including CPR and first aid certification, hepatitis B vaccinations,

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The Indy's competitive advantage

By John Weiss

Sean Cayton

Teri Homick

I've been blessed by wisdom passed on from at least a dozen mentors. One was J. Patrick Rooney, a self-made, extremely wealthy libertarian maverick who led the Golden Rule Insurance Company.

When I started my first company in 1984, he shared a secret of his success: "John, if you give women a fair shake, you'll have a real competitive advantage over all your competitors who are blinded by their unseen prejudices."

I took this lesson to heart. And while I get plaudits for the *Indy*, truth be told, I am largely the conductor here. The real work gets done by our 35 full-time employees and dozens of contract workers, at least half of whom are female.

In an issue celebrating what our readers have voted the best of Colorado Springs, I gratefully take this moment to applaud five women who, as we kick off our 20th year, give their all to make the *Indy* the best and feistiest newspaper in town.

Teri Homick, vice president of sales. In the spring of '93, Kathryn Eastburn and I teamed up to invent a new newspaper for Colorado Springs. We developed delusions of grandeur and a 125-page business plan, and raised nearly $300,000. We just had one small problem: Neither Kathryn nor I had ever worked at a newspaper. And in many ways, our schemes and dreams were just that.

> **'It's my life story.'**

Things evolved from fantasy to giddy reality in September 1993 when, to our utter surprise, Teri agreed to leave "a real job" with what was then called the *Gazette-Telegraph* to lead sales efforts at a newspaper that had no name and a launch date of "sometime soon." Teri took the huge plunge — and a pay cut — to join us. Without her gumption and smile, the *Indy* would never have become a reality.

Today, though a lot wiser and a tad older, Teri remains the same: the heart and soul of our sales engine.

Susan Molumby, account executive. When Susan joined the *Indy* 17 years ago, one of her tasks was coordinating the Personals section. (Hundreds of folks each month responded to 40-word blurbs from "a man seeking a woman," "a woman trolling for a man," or — heaven help us all — "a woman in the hunt for an LTR with another woman"!) The need for these newspaper ads would slowly decrease, but Susan's role as a competent and caring sales executive would only grow. We count our blessings for the tremendous initiative and hard work she's invested in our success.

Four months ago, the Waldo Canyon Fire destroyed Susan's family's home. Our hearts remain open to Susan and all others for whom the fire's scars remain.

Yvonne Ramos, senior inside sales executive. Yvonne joined the *Indy* in 2000, after more than a decade at The Broadmoor. She recalls that back then, the paper was "Colorado Springs' red-headed stepchild."

"Now we have grown to be a proud community leader," she says. "Every day, we help small, local companies stay in business and grow. Without us most of them could not afford to advertise, and fewer people would know they existed."

Literally, every month I get a thank you from a client grateful for an extra mile Yvonne's gone.

Jamie Romero-Agrusa, accounts receivable coordinator. Teri, Susan and Yvonne have collectively generated more than $10 million in ad sales to fund the *Indy*'s operations. But their sales do not in themselves keep us afloat. As I learned the hard way during our lean years, if sales are good, collections are better. And this is where Jamie comes in, for she's in charge of politely and professionally making sure we get paid more than 98 percent of what is owed to us.

Jamie's been with us her entire professional life, holding four different jobs in 12 years. She's a key "all-knowing" staff member.

Kathy Conarro, art director. I stumbled on Kathy in 1998, when she was designing a poster for the 10th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival. Within six months, her days as a stay-at-home mom were history.

Today, she has overseen a mind-boggling 675 *Indy* covers. Of her work displayed through our office, she says, "It's my life story."

To these women: You're truly the best. Everyone at the *Indy* salutes your combined three-quarters of a century of service to our paper and our community.

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Whether you prefer to hike up, drive up, or look at it from afar, that big pile of rock topped with snow is still the central draw to the Springs region. Even if you can't see it from your vantage point, its presence looms large here in names of coffee shops and radio stations. It still inspires awe not just because of the views and doughnuts, but because you can't help but think about the first people to summit it and the crews who've kept the trails open through today. — ***SB***

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and infection control trainings to ensure "safe and sanitary practice." But knowing who this community respects could be key in selecting someone to make your own skin a little more intriguing. — ***KA***

Colorado Springs Claim to Shame

U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn

(lamborn.house.gov)

According to Doug Lamborn's campaign website, vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan said of our very own Mr.-Smith-gone-to-Washington, "Congressman Lamborn is a shining example of a true conservative in Congress. He votes our values every day." That might mean trying to strip taxpayer money from public broadcasting, nixing every tax increase and condemning health care reform. In fact, Lamborn is so uncommitted to bipartisanship that, in good fifth-grade tantrum-thrower style (and in line with his infamous "tar baby" quote), he didn't even attend the Commander-in-Chief's most recent State of the Union address. Yet he made sure to greet the president out there on the tarmac, smiling and vacant for the cameras, when President Obama landed in Colorado Springs to survey the Waldo Canyon Fire damage. (So brave!). Maybe 5th District voters will never get him out of office, but *Indy* voters can at least teach him some shame. — ***WM***

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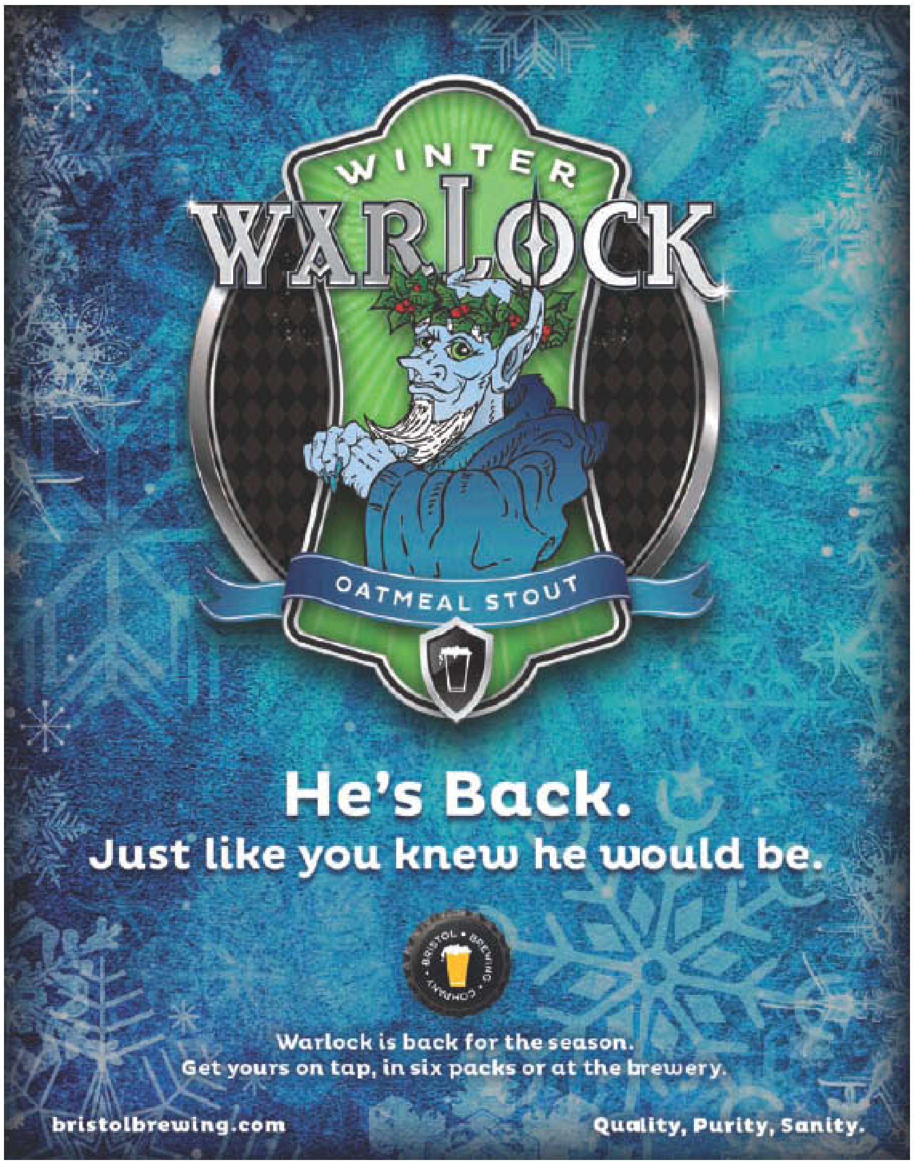
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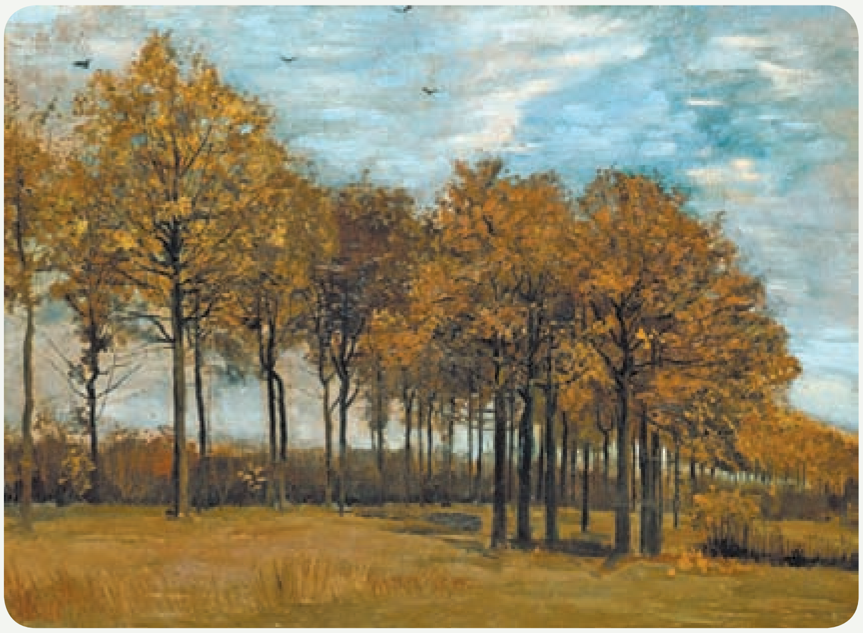

Eye of the tiger

Van Gogh comes to the Rockies in a first, and foremost, show

Timothy J. Standring jokes that the time he spent putting together *Becoming Van Gogh* stretched almost as long as the artist's career.

And, well, he's close. He built this show for seven years, and Vincent van Gogh was active only about 10.

Standring, Gates Foundation curator of painting and sculpture at the Denver Art Museum, wrote upward of 600 letters and made visits to curators and private collectors in both the U.S. and Europe for years, wooing them into loaning priceless works for this one-time, one-place exhibition.

While 60 eventually agreed, he was turned down plenty. In a recent article from the *Wall Street Journal*, Standring recalled that he "went to Oslo three times, but never met the director or the curator."

The setbacks that affected the tortured artist's own working life, of course, were more serious. But van Gogh's strengths were transcendent, and as you follow the arc of his self-taught art career in *Becoming*, both men look brilliant. Curated with the help of Louis van Tilborgh, senior researcher of paintings for the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, the exhibit allows you to track not only the 19th-century icon's evolving technique, and his signature voice, but what he was actually learning as he developed.

> 'You can have your own moments with a great artist.'

As Standring puts it, "This is an exhibit of intelligent looking."

Becoming features about 70 van Goghs, plus 20 works by artists who influenced him. Standring points out that he and van Tilborgh borrowed works that van Gogh actually saw or wrote about, and have placed them beside van Gogh's attempts at reproducing them, or using them for inspiration. This includes pieces by Toulouse-Lautrec, Bouguereau and Millet, as well as the Japanese artists he admired, Hiroshige and Hokusai.

It's a breathtaking effort. Here rests van Gogh's portrait of postman Joseph Roulin; there, the first van Gogh work to ever enter a public museum. The first work to greet visitors — "Kitchen Gardens on Montmartre" — is also his largest painting, and it's followed by a lithograph van Gogh dashed off from memory depicting his first regarded masterpiece, "The Potato Eaters."

And at the end, three self-portraits.

"I think this is the first exhibition where you have a self-portrait at the end, instead of the beginning," van Tilborgh says. He adds, "We thought it would be a nice way to round off the exhibition. ... You can have your own moments, your private moments, with a great artist."

The show isn't biographical, but it does chronologically chart van Gogh's artistic progression. While the beginning impresses with thoughtful drawings and dark, didactic works — van Gogh sought to send a "visual sermon" at the time — the end astounds with explosions of color and that singular Van Gogh paint-straight-from-the-tube mark-making.

Emotion trembles beneath these works, and the intensity of a great creative force long gone is gripping. Says Standring, "He's the Rocky Balboa of art."

— Edie Adelstein

CAPSULE

Becoming Van Gogh

Through Jan. 20

Denver Art Museum,
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Tickets: $11-$25; for more information, visit vangoghdenver.com.

SEVEN DAYS TO LIVE

24 Wednesday

ART

Politics has never been more rife with symbolism. There are chairs, binders, laughs, barbells, backward-facing caps ... All the better for artists, cartoonists and other creative types, like those who contributed to each of the **three political exhibits** that opened last week at the **Business of Art Center** (513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, thebac.org). Encompassing painting, drawing, photography, they'll be up through Dec. 1. But if all that blue and red makes you green, hit the BAC Friday from 5 to 11 p.m. for the opening of the Future Fossil art group, the relaunched Mothma collective, which promises all manner of art new, underground and emerging. ***— EA***

25 Thursday

MUSIC

While **Phil Keaggy** regularly dismisses the story that Jimi Hendrix once called him the best guitarist in the world, the persistence of that rumor speaks to the excellence of his playing, as do numerous subsequent Dove Awards and Grammy nominations. The fact that he can write and sing like Paul McCartney doesn't hurt, either. The Ohio native was still a teenager when his band Glass Harp recorded at Electric Ladyland Studios, and while he's long since traded acid rock for contemporary Christian fare, Keaggy's original music is as vital and engaging as ever. Hear for yourself tonight in the geodesic splendor of **Stargazers Theatre** (10 S. Parkside Drive, stargazerstheatre.com). Tickets for the 7 o'clock concert are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. ***— BF***

26 Friday

ART

Her face is unforgettable, though she goes by many names: *La Flaca*, *La Huesuda*, *La Pelona*, and, most often, *La Muerte*. Starting tonight and lasting until Nov. 27, **Cottonwood Center for the Arts** (427 E. Colorado Ave., tinyurl.com/cwmuertos) pays homage to Lady Death in a ***Día de los Muertos*** exhibit. Tonight's 5-to-8:30 reception includes traditional dancing, a fashion show, local music, and authentic food from the "Tamale Lady" and Cake Crumbs Bakery. As Octavio Paz describes, the Mexican has no qualms surrounding death and "jokes about it, caresses it, sleeps with it, celebrates it." So come get in touch with Lady Death, make sugar skulls, and enjoy. ***— KL***

27 Saturday

PRE-HALLOWEEN

'Tis the season for the screaming, so start today off at **Manitou Springs' Emma Crawford** parade down **Manitou Avenue** (manitousprings.org) at noon, followed by a bunch of loonies racing coffins down the same street. When fully sated from the planned sidewalk sale, consider your night: music or *muertos*? The **Colorado Springs Philharmonic** will do music from some of Tim Burton's best in its *Sleepy Hollow and Other Tales*; tickets start at $19, while the show starts at 8 at the **Pikes Peak Center** (190 S. Cascade Ave., csphilharmonic.org). Or tango your way to the **Day of the Dead** party at 8 at **Marmalade at Smokebrush** (219 W. Colorado Ave., #210, smokebrush.org), where tickets run $15 to $20. *— BC*

28 Sunday

STAGE

Performer Bill Bowers has been on the **Millibo Art Theatre**'s stage (1367 Pecan St., themat.org) so many times in recent years that the international actor calls it an "artistic home." Warm audience receptions are surely a part of that feeling, so prepare to welcome Bowers back for his latest work, ***Beyond Words***, playing for a final time at 2 today, after shows at 7 p.m., Thursday, and 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday. This comedic and dramatic play, part monologue and part miming, continues Bowers' thematic exploration of silence while examining the expectations of males in our society. The Thursday performance is $15, while all others are $20. *— MS*

29 Monday

MUSIC

As of this writing, tickets are still available for **Bob Dylan**'s shows tonight and tomorrow at the **1st Bank Center** (11450 Broomfield Lane, Broomfield, 1stbankcenter.com). That could change, of course, in which case those $45-and-up seats will be fetching whatever online resellers can get. But is the ever-mercurial Dylan even worth seeing these days? Hard to say, but he does have Charlie Sexton on lead guitar, has taken to playing a lot of grand piano, and is generally avoiding songs from the new *Tempest* album in favor of crowd-pleasers like "Highway 61 Revisited," "Tangled Up in Blue," "Ballad of a Thin Man," "All Along the Watchtower" and "Blowin' in the Wind." Exactly how recognizable those songs will be, given Dylan's croaky croon and penchant for radical reinvention, is anyone's guess. Showtime is 7:30, with **Mark Knopfler** opening. *— BF*

30 Tuesday

LITERATURE

Don't think **Colorado College's Visiting Writers Series** will skip out on the Halloween fun. Tonight's speakers are Jess Walter, National Book Award finalist for his novel *The Zero* (uncovering the psychological effects of 9/11 through the eyes of a cop) and science-fiction writer Maureen McHugh of *After the Apocalypse* and *China Mountain Zhang*. They'll be discussing literature and the undead. Not sure how these two coalesce? Neither are we, but note that costumes are encouraged, and it all unfolds at 7 in **Bemis Hall** (920 N. Cascade Ave., coloradocollege.edu). A perfect location, since the old building is like CC's miniature version of Hogwarts, and I swear it's (slightly) haunted. *— CW*

Contributors: Edie Adelstein, Bryce Crawford, Bill Forman, Kiki Lenihan, Matthew Schniper and Celine Wright.

Capsule

The Big Something Exhibition

Show runs Oct. 29 through Nov. 20; opening reception Tuesday, Oct. 30, 4:30-7 p.m.

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MATERIAL *culture*

KRCC's *The Big Something* goes analog at Coburn Gallery

Think of it as a "big, cultural, archaeology project," with '60s poster art, Victorian hair wreaths and images of life in early Colorado Springs. That "it" — the force pulling these seemingly disparate objects together — is *The Big Something*.

Founded by Noel Black and Craig Richardson (both former *Independent* employees) in 2009, *The Big Something* is a daily newsletter that feeds its subscribers audio, visual and written media, often pulled from the Springs' own dusty ground.

"The idea was to find and unearth a different cultural representation of the Pikes Peak region than had dominated the mass media over the past 20 to 25 years," Black says, "and to present it back to the community."

Backed by KRCC-FM 91.5, the multimedia endeavor has generated radio pieces irregularly. But this month, it's reaching into an entirely new, physical realm with an art exhibition.

At Colorado College's Coburn Gallery, viewers will see in *The Big Something Exhibition* how Black and Richardson identify signs of little-known cultural life and history. Take, for instance, past featured artist Roy Linton, whose retro posters will hang in the show: "They're these sort of crazy, hippie posters from back in the '60s that we found," says Black. "I look forward to seeing them back on the wall."

> 'They're these sort of crazy, hippie posters.'

Visitors will see other physical artifacts of past favorites, like images from the Pikes Peak Library District's Digital Archive, the aforementioned wreaths from the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, and toys by local artist Sean O'Meallie.

"The idea is that here are these things in digital format," says Black, "but it would be nice to present them in a live, visual, tangible setting, and get people together, rather than it just be through the web."

The exhibit will also feature more interactive components like a phone-booth story booth, where guests can both give their input on the show and tell their own tales.

— Celine Wright

4 PlaY

Other options to get you excited about your week.

Backup plan
Colorado You Got Talent Semi-Finals, 11 a.m.., Sunday, Oct. 28 at the City Auditorium

Before you know it
The Fresh Beat Band, Nov. 1 at the Pikes Peak Center

Potato pick
DL Hughley: The Endangered List premiere, 9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27 on Comedy Central

Have you heard?
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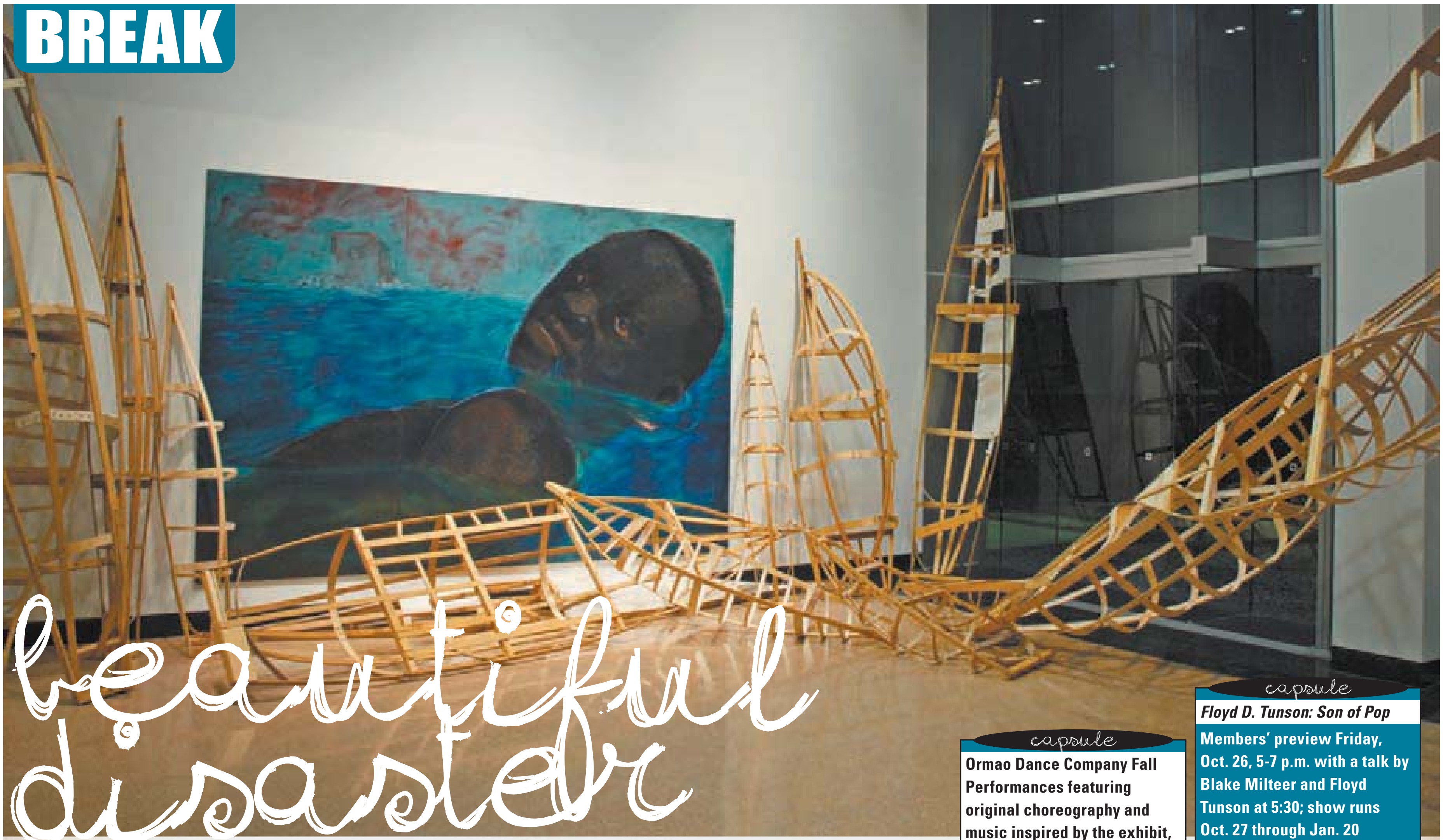

beautiful disaster

things lovely and ugly collide at the hands of local artist floyd tunson

By Edie Adelstein

'Coco (Remix H)" crashes to a start with a flurry of form and color. Characters crowd the painting: Popeye, Spiderman, Superman. Curvy babes twist about, painted on top in a translucent layer.

It's bold, it's interesting, and it looks light-hearted and as effervescent as any Pop Art piece. But then another figure starts emerging in the puzzle. Below all the commotion, there's a bust of someone in a red shirt, with large, blank eyes, fat red lips and lumpy nodules that suggest hair. It's a caricature of an African boy, and just like that, the painting takes a sickening turn.

The boy is Coco, who comes from the notoriously racist 1931 comic *Tintin in the Congo*. Therein, Tintin, a heroic young Belgian reporter, encounters native Africans — including Coco, who befriends Tintin — depicted at best as foolish, simple or silly.

Like much of Floyd Tunson's oeuvre, "Coco" fuses discordant images to reveal a pressing social issue, a human tragedy.

The local artist's expansive career bridges 40 years and spans nearly every medium he could get his hands on: painting (both narrative and abstract), installation, assemblage, photography and sculpture. This symphony of sorts, nestled softly for so long in our own backyard, will now see a grand stage with the opening of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's *Floyd D. Tunson: Son of Pop* retrospective, the biggest of his career.

Orchestrated by museum director Blake Milteer, with help from curatorial assistant Joy Armstrong and Tunson himself, the show stretches beyond 90 pieces in number and is the longest project on which Milteer's worked to date.

And so much of it is based on stupid little cartoons that reflect a dark underswell of big problems.

Other paintings in the artist's *Remix* series pair Tintin's Congo adventures against modernist masterworks by the likes of Matisse and Picasso, who appropriated the African artifacts they found in museums for a new language in Western art. In "Remix I," Tunson copies a Matisse, turns it 90 degrees, and stamps a Tintin cartoon in the middle, the effect of which is not unlike finding your pristine piece of fruit turned rotten on the inside.

"It draws you in with the familiarity first," Tunson says, "the things we're comfortable with, things we know, things we've seen and probably had dialogue on, Matisses and Picassos, things that are on the high echelon and everybody's probably been exposed to, one way or another. And then it drops that little hint of something other than that going on."

It's a comment on borrowing — artistic colonialism, says Milteer. To Tunson, it's something of an "inside joke," but one in which heaviness lands in the same breath as the humor.

"It should be unsettling," Tunson says, "because it draws you in first and then it kind of hits you in the gut, a little bit."

far and wide

It's hard to wrap your head around the 65-year-old's work. There's just so *much* to consider.

"Good. Good. That's a good thing for me," Tunson says in reply. "It's discovery for me, and processes that I love to discover and do. I love the processes. They're all challenging, and that's why I've pursued so many different areas. Because I get a little bored, stuck on one thing for too long. It's just my nature."

What he terms his "eclectic" approach is compounded by the fact that unlike a lot of other artists, Tunson doesn't have creative periods that start and end conclusively. He'll paint a large-scale realistic portrait, then move onto a series of works that are purely abstract.

Take that to the power of 40 years and you have a bear of a show to organize. But Milteer's been able to whittle the work down and organize the show chronologically, with a loose thematic grouping based on four of Tunson's large installations.

In one, the FAC has hung about two dozen skeletal wooden boats from the ceiling of its entryway corridor, gently ushering audiences down the hall and toward a large painting where boats lower and collect on the floor. It's part of Tunson's "Haitian Dream Boats" installation, a work chronicling those who fled Haiti's Duvalier dictatorship by water.

These works hail from Tunson's own coffers, as well as from the permanent collections of the FAC and the Denver Art Museum. Milteer hoped to obtain one 14-foot piece, a single canvas

it draws you in first and then it kind of hits you in the gut.

capsule

Ormao Dance Company Fall Performances featuring original choreography and music inspired by the exhibit, held in the galleries

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capsule

Floyd D. Tunson: Son of Pop

Members' preview Friday, Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m. with a talk by Blake Milteer and Floyd Tunson at 5:30; show runs Oct. 27 through Jan. 20

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painting from Switzerland, but the shipping logistics made it prohibitive.

While he has shown often regionally — his last exhibit at the FAC was in 2005, and included just his work from the prior decade — Tunson's popped up only sporadically throughout the rest of the country. He actually has a solid following in Switzerland, a place to which he travels often. (His wife is from Delémont.) Collections-wise, he has works held by Kaiser Permanente and the Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art, at the Savannah (Ga.) College of Art and Design.

> the artist's career spans 40 years and nearly every medium he could get his hands on.

With hopes that the show will travel, and a catalog that includes an essay from Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa, a University of Colorado at Colorado Springs alum who met Tunson back in the '70s, *Son of Pop* could prove a breakout exhibit.

"Floyd is clearly an artist who is at a point where he could see some significant recognition from elsewhere in the country," Milteer says. "And I think there's nothing better for our region, creatively, than when somebody else says, 'Oh, wow, I didn't know that kind of depth of idea and image was going on there.'

"And of course there's a lot going on, but it's hard for the rest of world to sense that."

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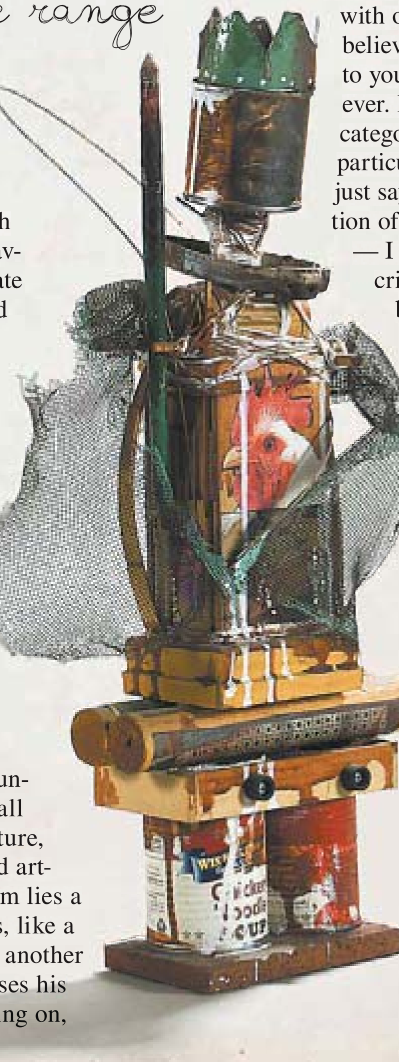

Tunson grew up as one of 10 children in Denver, back when it was a "cow town." He came to Colorado Springs to teach art at Palmer High School in 1971, after having attended Adams State College. Soon he moved into the studio he now calls home, a retro-industrial space on the top floor of a shop building over Manitou Avenue in Manitou Springs.

Thirty years in, the studio looks like a snapshot from a chic design website. It's huge and luminous. Air and light pour through the tall southern windows, filter through abundant green plants and fall on a mix of sleek furniture, packed bookshelves and artwork. Off the main room lies a series of smaller spaces, like a bedroom and bath, and another large room that comprises his studio. There's a lot going on, but it's tidy.

When the *Indy* visited a month back, he was still finishing pieces for the show. In step with his aforementioned unique working habits, he was revisiting themes from decades ago.

"My work is kind of cyclical," he says. "I'll be here 10 years and then 10 years later I'll be at the same place, but I'll be a different person. I will have accumulated different experiences and so forth to bring to those particular projects. So that's the way I move. I have certain things that I address over and over again because they basically are relevant to me or still in the theme of our country or the nature of things."

Racism, of course, is one such topic.

"My younger brother was shot in a park in Denver by the police, and I think that had a profound effect on how I feel about young black males," Tunson says. "But I don't think that's the only experience — it's also from news, individuals in my family and other families, and just being informed on the whole aspect of the black male in this society, young and old, actually."

Only so much has changed since his brother's death — and that's the point behind so many of his works. It's not that he wants to tread that ground over and over again, it's just that he can't ignore it.

"[Some in the art world] want you to be *that* black artist," he says. "They want you to deal with only those themes, I believe, that are germane to your situation or whatever. I'm not one to easily categorize or put into that particular ilk. And I don't just say this as discrimination of me as a black artist — I think it's just discrimination of me as a black person. I think that's just the way we are.

"Our society is still very racist. There's a lot of bigots out there. Everyone wants to pretend that everything is cool and we're all colorblind now, and it's not true. And it's not always overt, it's a lot of little covert things, or things that are subtle. I have my radar out all the time because I'm just sensitive to that. This society has made me sensitive to those issues."

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Appetite

Old faithful

After half a century, Woodland Park's Swiss Chalet stands mighty

By Matthew Schniper

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A table for two awaits you at Swiss Chalet: a cozy respite for conservative fine dining.

It's been 50 years since Nicolas and Margaret Quint opened Woodland Park's Swiss Chalet with, according to Neil Levy, a simple menu of trout, sauerbraten, fried chicken and fondue.

Levy and his wife Paula took over in 1999, Neil having managed under the Chalet's second owners, Hanspeter and Birgitta Haas, since '91. It was the Haas family who expanded the mostly German menu into more of a "European continental" concept that remains the mainstay today.

Almost two years ago, Levy named former Marigold culinarian Mark Gagnier his executive chef, allowing him some flexibility with weekly changing chalkboard menus, specials, and the saucing and style of staple steak cuts and seafood.

I say *some* flexibility because items like the shrimp Dijonnaise appetizer ($13.50) haven't changed in more than 20 years, and Levy says his regulars would run him out of town if he pulled it from the menu. Served on a beautifully folded napkin nesting a clamshell, rather than a plate, four jumbo Gulf shrimp are drowned in a bubbly yellow curry-butter broth flecked with white onions. Easily likeable, but pricey for the portion.

To further illustrate what European continental looks like at the Chalet, the words "traditional" and "simple" come to mind. Levy confirms that we aren't talking about nouvelle cuisine — it's *classique* all the way.

Both our entrées one evening are as uncomplicated as high-level plating comes. Colorado lamb chops ($36.50) are delightfully charred and a masterful medium rare, bones directed skyward over mashed potatoes with baby asparagus resting wrinkled from the grill nearby, salt crystals glinting from their skin. A side of store-bought mint jelly (not needed) epitomizes safety in pairing, a disinclination to venture even toward, say, a mint pesto or gremolata or some spin for signature. Again, familiar territory.

But the lamb plate isn't bulletproof. The stalky ends of the asparagus haven't been nipped, forcing us to saw them off at the table, and the under-seasoned potatoes benefit greatly from a salt dusting and extra butter from our bread basket.

The extra-long asparagus also accompanies our Red Trout Amandine ($19.50), a thankfully flourless rendition (for my gluten-sensitive guest) with butter and almond slivers allowing the fish to do the majority of the sweet-talking over saffron rice.

Each entrée includes a soup or salad; the latter is perfectly tossed so no leaves are soggy, the house mustard-celery dressing showing up mainly as an elegantly faint, herbal aftertaste. The former this night is a hearty, winter-ready vegetable broth with duck and white beans.

Dinner concludes for us with an excellently prepared crème brûlée ($7.50), the caramelized sugar cap cracking on cue to reveal the vanilla-y custard.

At lunch, Swiss Chalet trends toward the more eclectic, with everything from fish tacos and a green chile burger to an Oriental chicken salad and Jager Schnitzel. Picked up to-go, our veal bratwurst ($10.75) and Reuben ($12.75) both justify their prices with ample portioning and side accoutrements.

Two brats splitting with hot juices command a tangled mess of tangy house sauerkraut made somewhat saltier and smokier by incorporated bacon slivers. Past a pickle spear and lettuce bed garnish, fantastically crispy potato wedges pick up more salt and meet a Dijon dip with as much gusto as the plump meat.

The Reuben ranks among the finest of its kind, led by an expertly thick-cut marble rye made locally by Colorado Bread Company. (Swiss Chalet also buys locally from Wimberger's Old World Bakery and Delicatessen, Barista Espresso and local markets in season.) Levy describes himself as a 60-year-old Jewish guy who grew up around true New York delis, thanks to family in the area, so he takes pride in dishing a fatty 8-ounce portion of thin-sliced corned beef over gooey Swiss cheese and more of that magic kraut, with a house Thousand Island rendition.

All the food's very fitting for the mountain cottage theme, with the building's decorative exterior embellishments, angular wood everywhere, ornate iron supports for the hefty overhead beams, a large stone fireplace and minimal kitsch. It's a more relaxed atmosphere than Levy's more upscale Pepper Tree restaurant off Eighth Street, where details such as silverware that's unpolished, spotty and not reset between courses (leaving our otherwise attentive server robbing from the neighboring table's setup) would surely cause more fuss.

But still, the Swiss Chalet remains undoubtedly Woodland Park's finest dining. Yes, it comes at a price, but when old reliable is what you want, you'll get it with the surety of foundational French aesthetics here.

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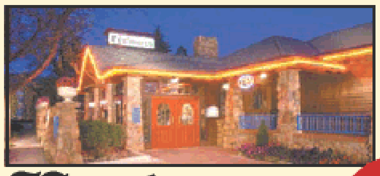

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Owner Randy Fair says a customer at his Old Colorado City shop (dressed in goggles and a top hat) introduced him to steampunk culture recently, and the style immediately clicked with him as a cool business theme.

"That mix of fantasy, Victorian and metal — I dig that look and feel — it has shocking potential for interior design," he says, noting that Edison bulb and copper-light fixtures are already in the works.

Fair aims to cater to University of Colorado at Colorado Springs students, but also to software "geeks" like himself. The bigger space will allow for live music space and an expanded food menu (salads, soups, sandwiches, breakfast items) plus a local beer list and a modest wine list.

Fair's coffee comes from OCC's Switch-Back Coffee Roasters, with whom Fair has worked closely to create his own blends. He hopes to continue expanding, and placing some of his 10 children in management positions across them.

TPS tops

Cheers to **Trinity Brewing Company** (1466 Garden of the Gods Road, trinitybrew.com), the only Springs brewery to medal at this year's Great American Beer Festival. President Jason Yester and crew won a bronze for the TPS Report in the American-Style Brett Ale category.

The TPS also won a GABF gold in 2009, in the Experimental Beer category. As described by Trinity, it's an experimental Flanders sour flavored with tangerine and lemon zests.

Yester says this Brett category was only created in 2011, and that he and fellow brewers had petitioned for almost a decade for it.

This current batch ($23.95/750-ml bottle or $9/12-ounce draft) differs from the '09-winning version in that it's been aged in French oak chardonnay barrels, which according to Yester allow more oxygen to infuse the beer. That imparts more lactic acid flavor, which "tones down the funkiness a bit," making it more balanced and "super drinkable."

Taste buds

Years after closing its downtown outpost, Taste of India (4820 Flintridge Drive, tasteofindiacoloradosprings.com) has once again expanded to open **Taste of India 2** inside the Citadel Mall (750 Citadel Drive East). Owner Sunny Singh believes "Indian food cravings locally have expanded," and that the new location, far from the competition, is ideal for answering that call. Expect the same menu plus mall-friendly additions like a $3.50 chicken bowl and a $5.99 combo plate.

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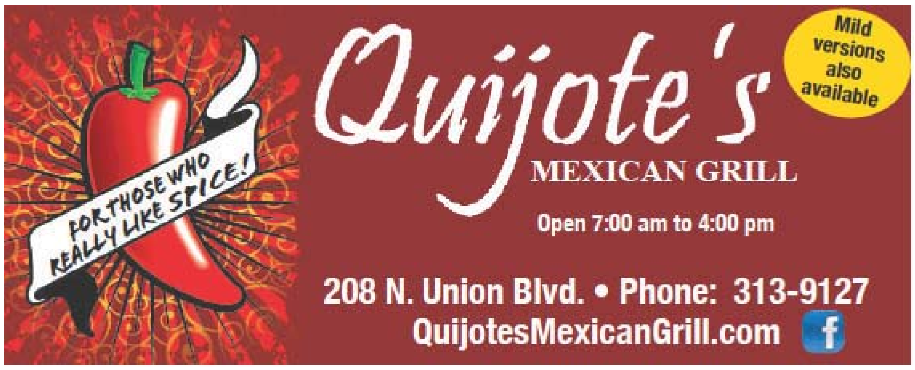
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William and his brother are the cooks, and the menu notes they will "omit MSG upon request." The **Spicy Salted Squid** doesn't need it anyway, with ample piquantness from salt amplifying the sugary tang of the house-made sweet-and-sour sauce. The calamari-like pieces are softly battered and light, slightly spicy from jalapeños in an underlying green onion and cabbage slaw. With an included egg roll, wonton and rice (as a single combo dinner, $11.95), it's delightful overall. — ***Matthew Schniper***

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The latter finds a large filet of pan-fried trout covered with two beautiful poached eggs and a pale yellow, herb-flecked béarnaise, next to cheese grits and messy sliced potatoes. It's actually more familiar-feeling to eat than it sounds, with the crunchy fish acting as a savory launching board. Three **orange-ricotta pancakes** ($5.75) with cinnamon butter were also quite nice. — ***Bryce Crawford***

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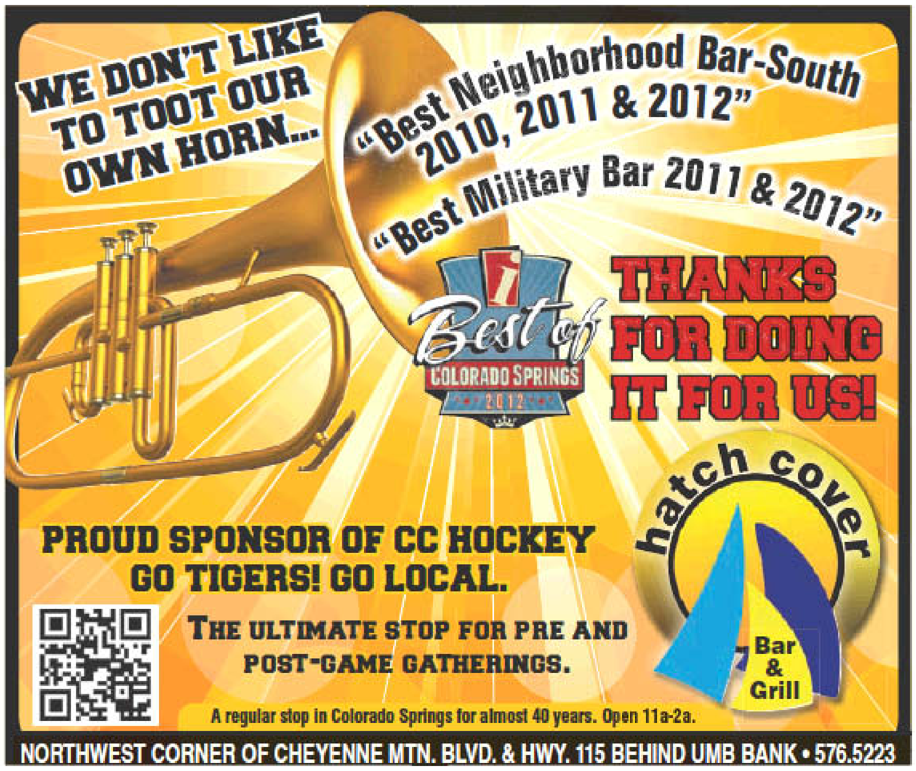

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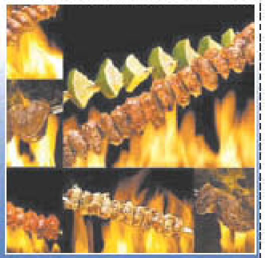

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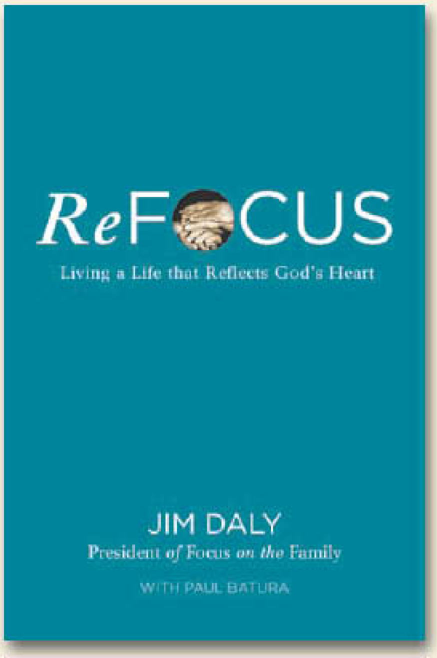
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Monster mashup

Six picks for candy and camp this Halloween

By Louis Fowler

We're all adults here, so I'd like to presume that most of us will be passing out candy to children on this upcoming Halloween. After all, no self-respecting, tax-paying citizen over 18 should be dressing up for what is, essentially, a holiday for children.

Admit it: You can't run or hide from guilty All Hallows' Eve gluttony.

But just because you're a responsible adult, you shouldn't necessarily have to miss out on all the Oct. 31 fun. After all, we don't *need* to go house-to-house begging for candy. We have jobs and money! We can go to the store and buy as much candy as we want, and eat as much as we please, while watching the most horrible of horror films for as long as we wish. We can have a movie marathon, fueling up on Fun-Size Baby Ruths and 2-liter Mountain Dews, calling in sick the next day and sleeping it off in a high-fructose-induced coma.

Meanwhile, those kids have to go to school. Suckers.

Speaking of suckers: As I lay out a few new Halloween DVD options for all us adults below, I'll pair each of them with their most suitable type of candy. So, here goes.

Nothing says "adult" like Werther's Originals, so pair the beloved caramel hard candy with the reissue of Troma's ***Mother's Day***. Being a Troma film, it's going to provide some of the most entertaining, exploitative garbage you'll ever watch. More of a dark comedy than an outright horror flick, the titular mom is an elderly harridan in a neck-brace who takes perverse glee in watching her two inbred redneck sons murder various campers.

If you're a little too hip for that, but still like your candy old-fashioned, why not suck down a Chase's Cherry Mash with ***Excision***? Annalynne McCord of *90210* fame stars as a mentally unstable teen who has various erotic dreams about surgical procedures, delivering some of the most perverse medical imagery this side of a David Cronenberg movie. When her fantasy bleeds, literally, into her reality, it's a red-food-coloring nightmare.

Want traditional? Something you've had before and are happy to have again? Pop open a bag of Fun-Size Snickers and settle in with two of the lesser-known Halloween sequels, ***Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers*** and ***Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers***. In both movies, Myers returns to Haddonfield to track down his niece Jamie. It's familiar, it's safe, and it's delicious as ever.

Too traditional? Then stick a pair of wax lips between your teeth and chew on the bizarre cult sequel ***Basket Case 3: The Progeny***. Separated conjoined twins Duane and Belial, finding refuge at Granny's freak sanctuary, are about to encounter a new set of problems when deformed lump Belial becomes a daddy to a dozen similar lumps. When redneck cops start snooping, it's up to the human oddities to seek grotesquely hilarious revenge.

Finally, if you can't make up your mind, just invest in a 5-pound bucket of cheap candy corn and enjoy the cheap (and corny) ***All Night Halloween Party***. Overflowing with old, grainy, nightmarishly un-PC cartoons from as far back at the 1930s, it's a tooth-rotting mess of old-school fun. Plus, it's on a continual loop, so when you finally pass out, it just keeps going and going, providing the perfect capper to the perfect adult Halloween.

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CineFiles

NINA CONTI: HER MASTER'S VOICE

Nina Conti: Her Master's Voice (NR)

Virgil Films

After seeing the brutally unfunny, racist comedy of Jeff Dunham and his jalapeño puppet, it's easy to not only believe that ventriloquism is the last resort of stand-up hacks, but also a dead art form. That's why I'm so glad this half-documentary, half-mockumentary has come along. *Nina Conti: Her Master's Voice* not only lifts the art form out of the gutter, but injects it with a real intellectualism that's been absent since Willie Tyler and Lester. British ventriloquist Conti inherits a trunk full of dummies from her mentor, highly acclaimed playwright Ken Campbell, and goes on a quest to deliver the puppets to Vent Haven, a museum for discarded dummies, which also happens to be near a ventriloquists' convention. Along the way, fact and fiction become blurred as Conti seems to have a mental breakdown of sorts, giving the film a deep and melancholy tone. — ***Louis Fowler***

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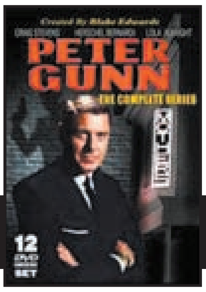
Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R)

Universal Studios

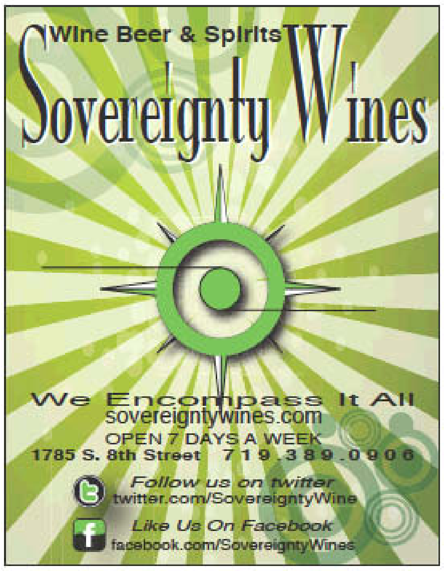
A $10 million indie romance about an asteroid-facilitated apocalypse is certainly a departure for Lorene Scafaria, whose debut film, *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*, suffered from a depletion of romantic tension. In *Seeking*, an off-camera aeronautical mission to destroy an Earth-bound asteroid has failed, leaving the planet about three weeks. Scafaria follows lonely insurance salesman Dodge (Steve Carell), whose existence isn't in crisis so much as in question. Now he wonders, "What do I really want?" The answer comes in the form of a beautiful British neighbor (Keira Knightley), though their romantic connection develops slowly and more tenderly than expected. *Seeking*'s first half wallows in nihilism, but once our leads leave clustered society behind, the film takes an involving turn toward character development. — ***Justin Strout***



Peter Gunn: The Complete Series (NR)

Timeless Media

Mostly forgotten by today's television-viewing audience, the classic series *Peter Gunn* was total swank in its day. Created by Blake Edwards (who would later do another classic caper series, *The Pink Panther*), it was TV's first cool-cat detective series, a kooky film-noir tribute that ran from 1958 to 1961. The titular Gunn was a suave player with expensive tastes (he drove a Plymouth Fury convertible with a mobile phone — did they even have those in the '50s?) and an eye for the dames, doling out justice when needed, all to an iconic theme song by Henry Mancini. This series is one of the must-buy box-sets of the year: It includes all 114 original episodes on 12 discs and a CD of the Grammy-winning soundtrack. Television has very rarely been as cool as this, and it's time that *Peter Gunn* be rescued from relative obscurity by a new generation of devotees. — ***Louis Fowler***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***Cloud Atlas** (R)*

By MaryAnn Johanson

It opens in the same way that, most likely, the very first story told for entertainment began, 100,000 years ago, with an elderly wise person speaking to an audience gathered round a campfire. I didn't realize until *Cloud Atlas* was finished, an astonishingly quick three hours later, how thrilling an opening that is. For this is an über story. It's a story about story. It's a story about why we tell one another stories, what stories mean to us, and how they affect us.

Hold tight: Cloud Atlas *is a whirlwind tour through various histories. It'll leave you reeling and smiling.*

It's bonkers how far across time and the planet this insanely grand matrix of interconnected tales ranges, from 1849 to the far future, from Cambridge to San Francisco to the middle of the widest ocean to locations unnamed. The interconnections all come via stories told in diaries and novels and letters and more passed down through time.

The tales are in themselves gripping because they are all about the Big Important Things: truth and legend, love and betrayal, freedom and slavery. A lawyer on a sea voyage bearing a vital contract home becomes ill at sea; a journalist uncovers corporate malfeasance and becomes a target; a wannabe composer working with a renowned mentor believes he can surpass his boss' genius; a once-content slave worker in a dystopic future awakens to her plight and rebels.

The composer in 1936 knows he's inexplicably gripped by the diary of the 1849 lawyer, and the 1973 journalist knows she's inexplicably gripped by the composer's letters. But only we see the chain of inspiration that continues across countless generations, how the seemingly mundane events of one life nudge great things in another.

A handful of actors play different characters across space and time. Tom Hanks and Halle Berry, together again and reconnecting again over and over across human history, are a special treat to watch, with their unexpected charm and chemistry. But the whole cast is entirely enthralling, over and over again, sometimes changing race and gender: Ben Whishaw, Jim Broadbent, Hugo Weaving, Doona Bae and Jim Sturgess in major roles; Susan Sarandon, Hugh Grant and James D'Arcy in smaller but still vital ones. These are wonderful actors — and makeup artists — giving multifaceted, tour-de-force performances.

Cloud Atlas also ends up replicating the sort of experience we today have as we sit before our storytelling campfire of the television. It may sound contradictory, but watching this wholly winning and completely cohesive movie is like flipping around the TV and happening upon all the good bits from half a dozen different and hugely awesome movies with each change of channel.

Virtually every sort of story is here: sci-fi drama, post-apocalyptic action, codger comedy, twee British romance, historical mystery, '70s conspiracy thriller. And we're getting the highlights of funny, exciting, affecting examples of the various genres, the important scenes in which people learn fundamental truths and are rocked by them and choose to act on them, for better or worse.

Tom Tykwer and the sibling team of Lana and Andy Wachowski may have separately adapted (from David Mitchell's novel) and directed the temporally dispersed tales, but those distinct stories come together in a way that sneakily injects itself directly into our media-savvy minds. In some ways, too, then, *Cloud Atlas* is about how we tell ourselves stories, right at this precise moment of human history.

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Cloud Atlas (R)	💎	🍿	🍿	💎
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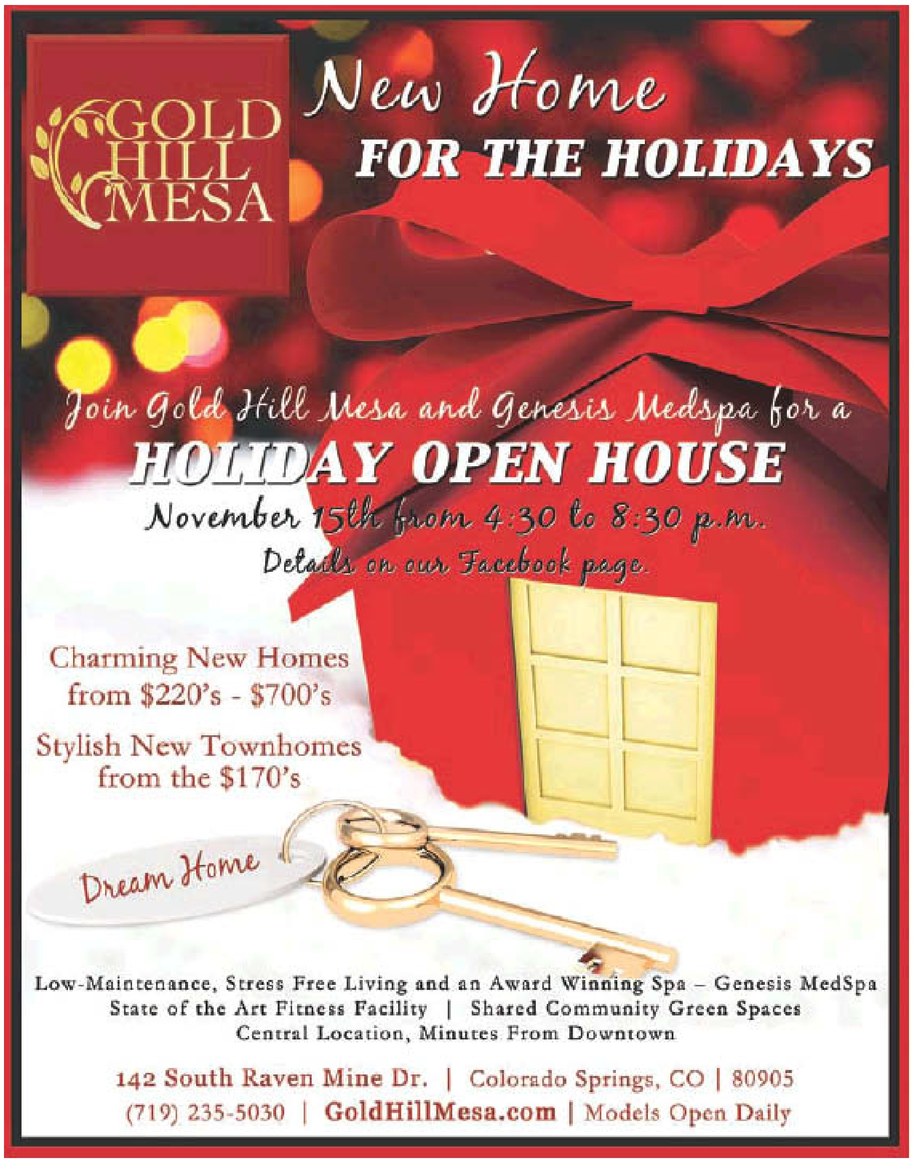
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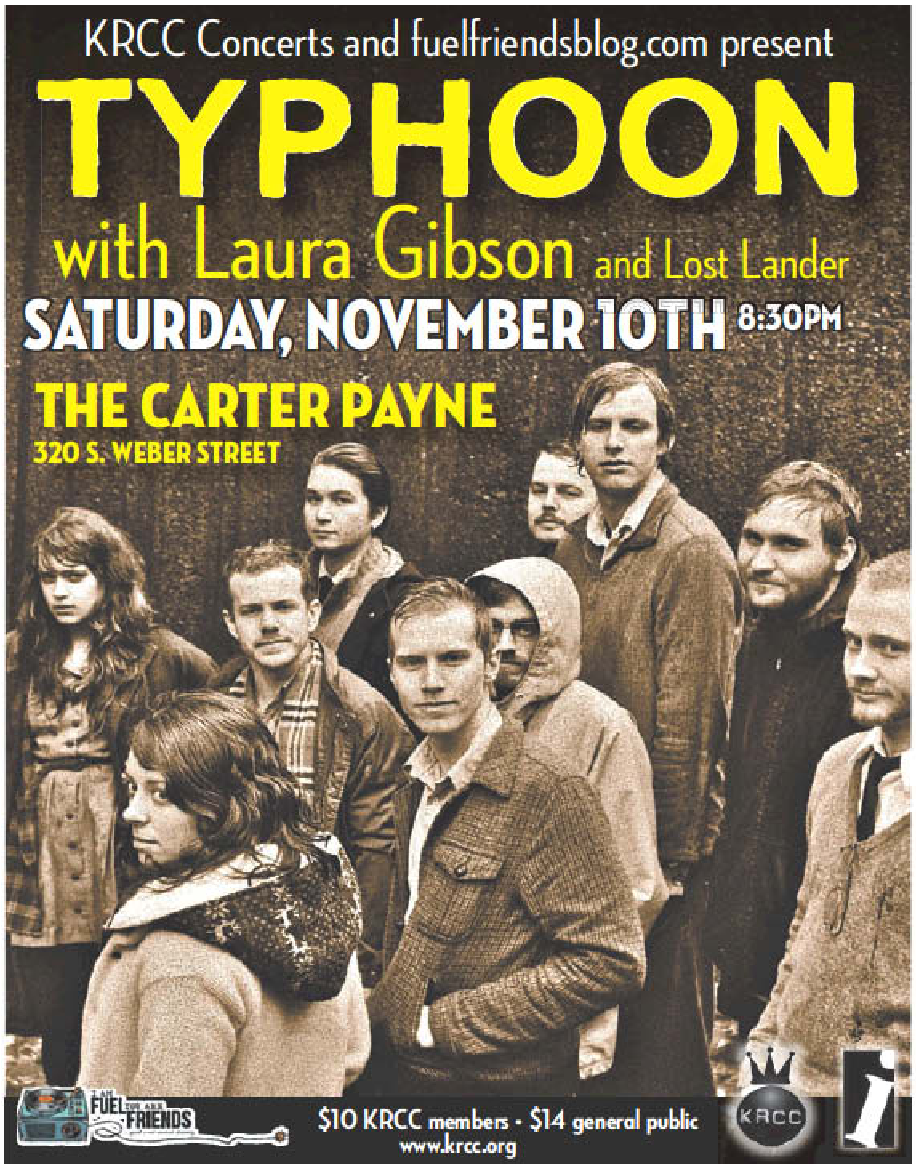
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AudioFile

Pinch hitters

The Afghan Whigs revisit their illustrious past

By Chris Parker

Sam Holden

Dulli: 'Not everyone wants to go write In Cold Blood, *but everyone wants to read it.'*

'We got called; off the bench," says Greg Dulli. "We were able to hit, get on base, and score."

Afghan Whigs frontman Greg Dulli is explaining the band's resurrection from a 12-year hiatus, a reunion sparked by a last-minute need to replace Guided by Voices on this year's I'll Be Your Mirror festival bill.

Scoring has always been one of Dulli's specialties. While they came of age alongside Nirvana, the Cincinnati sextet is, at heart, an ersatz soul band whose lounge lizard frontman tends to wear his predatory hungers and intimacy issues on his sleeve: "Ladies let me introduce myself," he sings on "Be Sweet" from the Afghan Whigs' 1993 breakthrough album *Gentlemen*. "I got a dick for a brain and my brain is going to sell my ass to you."

Dulli's conclusion — "she wants love and I just want to fuck" — isn't exactly a novel revelation, but he delivers it with the brash, biting indifference of one who knows better. This ugly side is echoed by guitarist Rick McCollum's scabrous, slashing lead, its terse angularity contrasting the simmering late-night groove. It's a dispiriting but starkly honest tune.

"I have always done an amplified version of myself, which is what a performer does," Dulli says. "They're all just snapshots from your life."

And they're not all pretty. "There are many aspects to one's psyche," says the songwriter. "It's how you manage the different parts of yourself. Keeping the homicidal maniac inside you in check. Not everyone wants to go write *In Cold Blood*, but everyone wants to read it."

Despite two new tracks on the Whigs' 2007 retrospective, *Unbreakable* — and two more on their website earlier this year — the current tour is most likely a one-off. For Dulli, there are simply other options.

Twilight Singers — the dusky atmospheric offshoot band he formed after the Whigs' 2001 breakup — has a similarly slithering and shadowy bar-closing vibe, but isn't as noisy or tumultuous, preferring slow-build cinematic soundscapes.

And then there's his project with Screaming Trees survivor Mark Lanegan, the Gutter Twins, who released their *Saturnalia* debut in 2008: "Mark is one of the best friends I've ever had," he says, "and one of the kindest, funniest and most intelligent people I know. He's a gas."

The renewed interest in returning acts like the Afghan Whigs, Mission of Burma, Dinosaur Jr. and the Pixies makes sense to Dulli.

"If you build a house that's built to last, people are maybe going to want to go in and take a look at the architecture, revisit it, and be a part of it," he says. "For myself as a writer of the material, it's been a fabulous journey through my illustrious past. We've gone pretty deep in the catalog and are playing songs that we never even played when we were first us."

Of course, the musical landscape has changed dramatically since the Whigs last walked the earth. In many ways, it's harder to be a band and make a living, even for those without as rich a legacy as Dulli's. But it's those very challenges, he believes, that make great bands.

"You've got to shake it off. It's the law of the jungle. Survival of the fittest. It's Darwinism!

"I didn't make the rules," he adds with a chuckle. "I just work 'em — or work around 'em."

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CAPSULE

Afghan Whigs

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.

Ogden Theatre, 935 E. Colfax Ave., Denver

Tickets: $36.50/adv, $40/door, 16-over; ogdentheater.net, 800/745-3000.

SoundAdvice

THE VACCINES

Bill Laswell

Means of Deliverance

Innerhythmic

File next to: Jah Wobble, Eberhard Weber

Although his band Material started out on the mutant-funk Ze Records, bassist Bill Laswell soon went on to become a "hot-call" producer whose edgy sound was sought out by Motörhead, PiL and Mick Jagger. Through it all, he continued to indulge his avant-jazz and world-music tendencies via solo albums, collaborations and an ever-shifting Material lineup. On *Means of Deliverance*, the ringing bass harmonics that open the album are trademark Laswell, even though he's abandoned his electric bass for a stand-up. The instrument's fluid, reverb-drenched tones take center stage throughout, joined only by the occasional drone, some tasteful octave-doubling on "Aeon," and a lone guest vocal from Ethiopian singer Gigi Shibabaw. Tranquil and melodic, but inventive enough to deserve closer listens, the album's pure musicality should enchant even the glitchiest Material fan. — ***Bill Forman***

The Vaccines

Come of Age

Columbia

File next to: The Cribs, Kaiser Chiefs

The Vaccines take a quantum leap forward in the English quartet's second album. Producer Glyn Johns — legendary for his work with the Who, Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones — gets the boys to create a more unified rock 'n roll style here. Meanwhile, singer Justin Young denies rock-star inclinations, insisting on the bouncing boogie "Teenage Icon" that he's no Frankie Avalon, while on "No Hope" declaring: "I could make an observation / If you want the voice of a generation / But I'm too self-absorbed to give it clout." Strokes-like guitars rip through songs of romance ("I Always Knew" and the Graham Parker-ish "All in Vain"), trip through a "Ghost Town," and turn up in the pure pop of "Aftershave Ocean." Elsewhere, the record gets quietly moody, Young declaring he's not a "Weirdo" before veering into the slinky "I Wish I Was a Girl." Good stuff from a fine young band. — ***L. Kent Wolgamott***

Ty Segall

Twins

Drag City

File next to: Black Lips, the Mooney Suzuki

Twins is the nothing-if-not-prolific Ty Segall's third and best album of 2012 alone. It's a propulsive, psychedelic garage exploration that deftly blends hard-charging songs with slower and more textural numbers. Those two extremes together prove a good indicator of what this San Francisco singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist is about. One moment, his blistering guitar riffs are tearing up "You're the Doctor" or slogging toward metal on "Inside Your Heart." The next, he's going all fuzz folk on "Gold on the Shore" or sounding very much like John Lennon on "Ghost." Taken as a whole, *Twins* finds Segall bringing together the proto-punk drive of the Stooges, psychedelic sounds of his Bay Area hometown, and the Brit stylings of Marc Bolan and David Bowie. The mix feels right, not just for him, but for the present time — which could use more noisy rock 'n roll like this. — ***L. Kent Wolgamott***

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Under covers

Tony Lucca finds a voice not entirely his own

By Brian Palmer

Tony Lucca never comes right out and says it, but you have to imagine he thanks God often for the *Mickey Mouse Club*. He starred on the show from 1991-95 alongside the likes of Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera, and it introduced him to the rigors of acting and singing in Hollywood. But when he appeared on season 2 of NBC's *The Voice*, the *Mickey Mouse Club* came into play again as another former pop princess and Mickey Mouse Clubber — Britney what's-her-name — came to his aid.

Lucca: Another ex-Mouseketeer slips back into the spotlight.

"I would definitely say that the turning point and the song that saved me was my version of Britney Spears' 'Baby One More Time,'" Lucca says with a laugh. "That was just the right song at the right time, and it really seemed to change the game for us."

Though Aguilera did not remember Lucca at first — and was not always impressed during some episodes —another of *The Voice*'s stars, Maroon 5 singer Adam Levine, liked what he saw. He got Lucca to join his team, and the musician soon flourished under Levine's tutelage.

"I went on the show hoping to get some additional exposure," Lucca says. "But with Adam's help, I was able to tap into something more exciting and reinvent myself a bit, stylistically. We worked on bridging the gap between me being a coffeehouse singer-songwriter and turning me into a mainstream modern rock guy."

Earlier this year, Levine signed Lucca to his label, 222 Records. A new album is in the planning stages and is set for release sometime next year, and yes, it will be more like what he performed on *The Voice* than what he did in the past.

"I think we would be remiss," he says, "if we didn't continue the trajectory of where we went creatively on the show."

The experience has also impacted Lucca's live shows. Previously he wrote and performed his own material and was never really interested in doing covers. Now he's out on the road — as he puts it, "rocking the power trio" — and integrating his *Voice* performances into set lists. In fact, his Colorado show will feature fellow *Voice* contestant Justin Hopkins as Lucca's opening act.

"Having come off of a show where pretty much all I did was cover songs, it's been fun to kind of take a load off and just have fun entertaining the crowd."

Lucca's wave of popularity is well-timed, coming at a point where there's not a whole lot of drama in his personal life. "I'm married with kids, so that doesn't make for the most controversial material," he says.

But while Lucca has lightened up his onstage presence, he remains profoundly aware of the importance of music in his life.

"I think music is its own element, like wind and water and fire," he says. "You see all these bands that want to do these farewell retirement tours. But they never stay retired, because it's too deeply ingrained in them. It's what they're meant to do, and they're kidding themselves, and anyone else who buys into it, if they try to pretend like they can stop doing it at any time. When you do what you love, there's really no other option or choice, so that's why I continue to make music."

— scene@csindy.com

CAPSULE

Tony Lucca, with Justin Hopkins
Sunday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. doors
Black Sheep, 2106 E. Platte Ave.
Tickets: $10/adv, $12/door, all ages; blacksheeprocks.com, 227-7625.

PlayingAround

LIVE MUSIC: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24, THROUGH TUESDAY, OCT. 30

Wednesday 10/24

Club Q, *Open Mic Night,* 10 p.m.
Front Range, *Chimney Choir, The Hopeful Heroines (Americana)*, 7 p.m.
Margarita at PineCreek, *Bob Tudor (jazz),* 7 p.m.
Meadow Muffins, *West Side Wednesdays (rock/pop),* 7 p.m., *Brian Parton (rock/pop)*, 9 p.m.
Park East, *The Martini Shot Unplugged (acoustic),* 7 p.m.
Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio, with Lila Mori* (jazz), 6:30 p.m.
SouthSide Johnny's, *Blues Jamm, with 99% (blues)*, 7 p.m.
Thirsty Parrot, *Colorado Springs Big Jazz Band (jazz),* 6 p.m.
Twisted Knickers, *Bluegrass Jam with Banjo Bill (bluegrass),* 7 p.m.
Zodiac, *'80s Dance Nite, hosted by DJ Monster Mike (dance)*, 9 p.m.

Thursday 10/25

Adam's, *Bud Ford (acoustic),* 6:30 p.m.
Ancient Mariner, *Open Mic with Stolen Idol Productions (acoustic),* 9 p.m.
Benny's, *Open Mic with the Jerry Roskin Band,* 8 p.m.
Black Sheep, *Otherwise, Bodycast, Channel 27 (rock/pop)*, 7 p.m., $10-$12.
Crystola Roadhouse, *Mike Nelson (blues),* 6 p.m.
Cucuru, *Blues Thursdays (blues),* 6:30 p.m.
Holy Cow, *Jay-Koh (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.
Jack Quinn's, *Brian Clancy (world),* 7:30 p.m.
Meadow Muffins, *Throw Back Thursdays with DeeJayBee and Tony G (dance),* 9 p.m., *Stray Suns Halloween Party (indie)*, 9 p.m.
Motif, *Acouelectric Duo (acoustic),* 7:15 p.m.
Pale Horse, *Ladies Night, feat. DJ Fade (dance)*, 9 p.m.
Park East, *Sarah Wood & Theo DeCenzo (acoustic),* 7 p.m.
Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio, with Lila Mori* (jazz), 6:30 p.m.
Rasta King, *Robby Red Locks & the Reggae Time Machine (world),* 7 p.m.
Rico's, *John Wise, Susan Rissman (jazz)*, 6:30 p.m.
SouthSide Johnny's, *The Fright (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Stargazers, *Phil Keaggy (rock/pop),* 7 p.m., $20-$25.
Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.
Thirsty Parrot, *DJ Karson with a "K" (dance),* 8 p.m.

Friday 10/26

Adam's, *Bud Ford (acoustic),* 9 a.m.
Back East, *Arch Hooks (R&B),* 8:30 p.m.
Benny's, *Rocky Gene Wallace and Brickyard (blues),* 8 p.m.
Black Forest Community Center, *The Bill Hearne Trio (country),* 7 p.m., $4-$7.
Black Sheep, *All Hallows Masquerade, with Hydrogen Skyline, The Echo Chamber, Stray Suns (rock/pop)*, 7:30 p.m., $5-$7.
Broadmoor Academy of Music, *Friday Jazz Jam Session (jazz),* 7 p.m.
Cleats, *Famous Curve (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Crystola Roadhouse, *Jim Adam and John Stilwagen (blues),* 8 p.m.
Cucuru, *Casa Blanca (world),* 7:30 p.m.
Dale Street Café, *John Wise (blues),* 6 p.m.
Fujiyama, *Mistura Bela (world),* 7 p.m.
Jack Quinn's, *The Raygunomics (rock/pop),* 9:30 p.m.
Kasey's, *Friday Nights with DJ Panther (R&B),* 9 p.m.
McCabe's Tavern, *Danny & The Fried Shrimp (Americana),* 5:30 p.m.
Meadow Muffins, *Play It Forward Halloween Special (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Motif, *Brad Bietry Trio (jazz),* 8:15 p.m.
Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio, with Lila Mori* (jazz), 6:30 p.m.
Red Martini, *Barry Laluna (jazz),* 8 p.m.
Rico's, *Cool for Cats (acoustic),* 7:30 p.m.
Sky Box Lounge, *Jeff "Fitty" Smith (acoustic),* 7 p.m.
Sonterra, *John Stone (acoustic),* 7 p.m.
SouthSide Johnny's, *Less Than Zero (rock/pop),* 9:30 p.m.
Stargazers, *Legacy (rock/pop),* 8 p.m., $10-$12.
Steaksmith, *The Other Band (rock/pop),* 6:30 p.m.
Sunshine Studios, *Halloween Party, with Forsake It All, Hero Kid, Almost Eden (rock/pop)*, 6:30 p.m., $5-$7.
Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.
Thirsty Parrot, *DJ Karson with a "K" (dance),* 8 p.m. *Cirque Du DeeJay (dance)*, 9 p.m.
Townhouse, *Fishtank Piranhas (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Triple Nickel, *Gloominous Doom, Night of the Living Shred (metal)*, 9 p.m.
V Bar, *DJ Gravity (dance),* 9 p.m.
Zodiac, *Monsters of Mock, feat. tribute bands to Van Halen, The Replacements, Beastie Boys (rock/pop)*, 9 p.m., $5.

Saturday 10/27

Ancient Mariner, *Emma Crawford Coffin-Race Party with Big Sky (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Back East, *Arch Hooks (R&B),* 8:30 p.m.
Benny's, *Cari Dell Trio (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Black Sheep, *Aer, Yonas, Fidel Redstar, David Dallas (rock/pop)*, 8 p.m., $13-$15.
Cleats, *Famous Curve (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Crystola Roadhouse, *Janiva Magness (blues),* 8 p.m., $18-$23, $38 VIP.

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Cucuru, *Halloween Party, with Me & Julio (world),* 7:30 p.m.
D.I.Y. Event Center, *The Mostly Don'ts, Send Em Down, This Means War, Tater Twat (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Dutch Mill Tavern, *All Ages Open Mic Night (acoustic),* 8 p.m.
Fujiyama, *DJ Ron Perry (jazz),* 6 p.m.
Jack Quinn's, *DJ Rob (dance),* 10 p.m.
Kinfolks, *COW: Coalition of the Willing (folk),* 2 p.m., *Grant Sabin (blues)*, 5 p.m.
Meadow Muffins, *Suga Bear & The Showtime Band Halloween Special (R&B),* 9 p.m.
Motif, *Julie Bradley, Tom Fowler, Shawn Hanlon, Colin Trusedell (jazz)*, 8:15 p.m.
Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo, *Jim Adam and John Stilwagen (blues),* 5 p.m.
Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio, with Lila Mori* (jazz), 6:30 p.m.
Rico's, *New Vintage Jazz (jazz),* 7:30 p.m.
Sky Box Lounge, *Risky Business Band (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.
Sonterra, *John Stone (acoustic),* 7 p.m.
SouthSide Johnny's, *Less Than Zero (rock/pop),* 9:30 p.m.
Stargazers, *Tribe Halloween Dance Party (R&B),* 8 p.m., $10.
Steaksmith, *Brad Eastin Trio (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.
Sunshine Studios, *Grave Diggers Ball 3, feat. The Last Savior of God, Almost Eden, Enduality (metal)*, 6:30 p.m., $5-$7.
Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.
Townhouse, *Fishtank Piranhas (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
Triple Nickel, *Tribute Night, feat. Monkey Hour, Bastards of Young, Brass Monkey (rock/pop),* 9 p.m., $5.
Ute Inn, *Radio London (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.
V Bar, *DJ Gravity (dance),* 9 p.m.

Sunday 10/28

Ancient Mariner, *The Storys (folk),* 6 p.m.
Black Sheep, *Tony Lucca, Justin Hopkins (acoustic)*, 7 p.m., $10-$12.
Dale Street Café, *John Wise (blues),* 11:30 a.m.
Jack Quinn's, *Traditional Irish Session (world),* 3 p.m.
Marmalade, *FluteDaddy BlueNote Jazz Quartet (jazz),* 7:30 p.m., $15.
Metropolis Supper Club, *Cold Fever (jazz),* 2 p.m., $5.
Retired Enlisted Association, *Blues Jam with the Tracy Quinn Band (rock/pop),* 3 p.m.
Stargazers, *Thin Air Jazz (jazz),* 6 p.m., $4-$8.
Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.
Tony's, *Sunday Shenanigans, with NateStarr TaylorLee (dance)*, 9:30 p.m.
Zodiac, *The Peculiar Pretzelmen, Mike Clark, MoonHoney (rock/pop)*, 9 p.m., $5.

Monday 10/29

Black Sheep, *Trapt, Inelements, Lola Black* (rock/pop), 7 p.m., $15.
Crystola Roadhouse, *Rosalie and Mike (rock/pop),* 5 p.m.
Marika's, *The South Path Ramblers (rock/pop),* 6:30 p.m.
Shovelhead, *Shovelhead Blues Jam (blues),* 7 p.m.
Zodiac, *Open Mic hosted by Andrea Stone,* 7 p.m.

Tuesday 10/30

Adam's, *Wayne Hammerstadt (acoustic),* 6:30 p.m.
Meadow Muffins, *John Austin Banging Blues (blues),* 7 p.m.
Rudiments, *Open Mic (acoustic),* 7 p.m.
Thirsty's Tavern, *Jam Night (acoustic),* 8 p.m.
Townhouse, *Open Mic (acoustic),* 9 p.m.
Zodiac, *Goth Nite with DJ Johnny Coffin (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.

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Super-size them

Matt & Kim strip back to their dance-pop essentials

By Alan Sculley

Matt Johnson — the Matt half of Matt & Kim — knows that the indie dance duo's live shows are one of its biggest assets. The concerts have become legendary for the inclusive, participatory vibe that he and Kim Schifino create on stage, so much so that their new album, *Lightning*, was intentionally crafted in the studio for easy translation to the concert stage.

Less is more: Matt & Kim resist the urge to jump on the electronic bandwagon.

That definitely was not the case with 2010's *Sidewalks*. "We love that album, but it really had to be adapted to get the live energy that we have on stage," says Johnson. "With this album, we looked at how we adapted those songs from *Sidewalks*, and we just made the original versions like that."

But even as they stripped back instrumentally, keyboardist Johnson and drummer Schifino still managed to create a bigger sound. "On *Sidewalks*, I feel like we layered a lot," says Johnson, noting that studio logs would indicate as many as 80 different tracks being recorded for a single song. This time, the group's "less is more" approach incorporated fatter and sometimes faster beats, thicker keyboard tones, and more overtly striking melodies.

The approach worked: *Lightning* supersizes the Matt & Kim sound while also embracing today's pop trends. The sugary hooks of earlier albums are still there, but songs like "Now," "Overexposed" and "Much Too Late" have more frenetic rhythms. Meanwhile, more deliberately paced songs like "Not That Bad" and "It's Alright" achieve an epic sound by using simple, ascending notes to build into — then hammer home — their catchy choruses.

The duo has also borrowed a page from many of today's Top 40 pop anthems, with simple sing-along choruses. Sometimes it's simply an "oh-oh-oh-oh" stretched out like a refrain over a number of bars. Or, in the case of tracks like "Now" and "Let's Go," it's the song titles that are sung repeatedly like stadium chants, which should inspire even more crowd participation on this tour.

All of which makes the new material well-suited for Top 40 and pop radio, where party-starting anthems are the norm. The duo even flirts with electronic dance music elements here and there.

But the way Johnson sees it, it's more a case of pop radio shifting closer to Matt & Kim's keyboard-centered sound than it is the reverse. In fact, he says, they consciously resisted the urge to go even further in pushing their sound in an electronic dance pop direction.

"I felt we really could jump completely on the bandwagon of this electronic dance music thing," says the musician. "In the end, I felt what's more true is keeping with the live drum sound. If we had just decided we were going to completely go into the digital domain, I think it would definitely not been true to what Matt & Kim is all about."

So even after graduating from small clubs to venues that can hold a couple thousand people, Johnson says they'll still be connecting with the crowds and creating the back-and-forth exchange of celebratory energy that has always characterized their concerts.

"We want as much light shooting out into the audience as there is coming onto the stage," Johnson says. "Because this isn't about the two people here on stage. It's about the two *thousand* and two people that are all in this room together."

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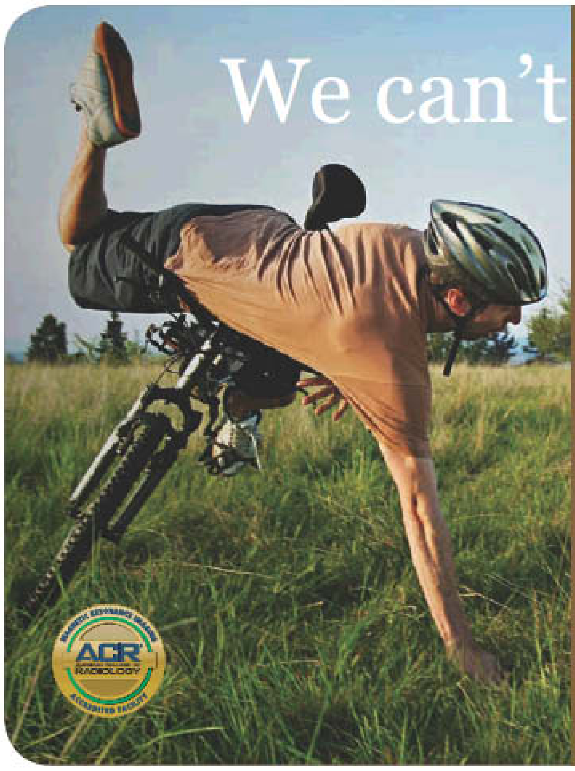

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Big Picture Discussion Group, join others to talk about art and spirituality. Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Venue 515, 515 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1861, thebac.org.

Cottonwood Center for the Arts classes, offering a variety of courses covering everything from art marketing to loom beading, airbrushing to clay sculpture and more. Go online for more information. Cottonwood Center for the Arts, 427 E. Colorado Ave., 520-1899, cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com.

Painting With Encaustics, a chance to learn the technique of painting with melted, pigmented beeswax. No artistic experience necessary; all materials provided. Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $95. Old Colorado City Encaustic Studio, 2818 King St., 694-6753, backdoordesigns.com.

Palette & Plate Gala Dinner, a chance to be part of the development of the Sheppard Art Institute & World Culture Center, with delicious food, drink and a silent auction featuring local artists. RSVP required. Sat., Oct. 27, 6-9 p.m. $60. Antlers Hilton, 4 S. Cascade Ave., 205-3991, sheppardartinstitute.org.

"So You Want to Sell Your Art," a workshop from gallery owner Bianca Codiga. Thurs., Oct. 25, 6 p.m. $55. Mountain Living Studio, 741 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-0225, mountainlivingstudio.com.

Wine and Art Saturdays, a weekly event for appreciation of creative endeavors, both high-culture and viticulture. Saturdays, 4-6 p.m. Hayden Hays Broadmoor Galleries, 1 Lake Circle, 577-5744, haydenhaysgallery.com.

ArtExhibits

Business of Art Center, 513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1861, thebac.org. *Future Fossils Art Group*, a multimedia show organized by this collective, formerly known as Mothma. Held in Venue 515. Oct. 26 to Nov. 8. Opening reception, Fri., Oct. 26, 2-11 p.m. Featuring live body art, fire poi and live music. *The Body Politic*, a juried, all-media exhibit on individual views of politics today. Through Nov. 25. *Political Perspectives*, a solo show by photographer Bill Young that "interprets the current atmosphere in our blue and red world." Through Dec. 1. *Political Streets*, a showcase of work by selected artists asked to create work they feel captures what the average person feels about politics today. Through Dec. 1.

CC's Coburn Gallery, Worner Campus Center, 902 N. Cascade Ave., 389-6606, theideaspace.com. *The Big Something Exhibition*, "a giant analog version" of this KRCC program that captures snippets of culture from the Pikes Peak Region. Oct. 30 to Nov. 20. Opening reception, Tues., Oct. 30, 4:30-7 p.m., featuring a talk with Noel Black and Craig Richardson, a DJ, a storytelling booth and more.

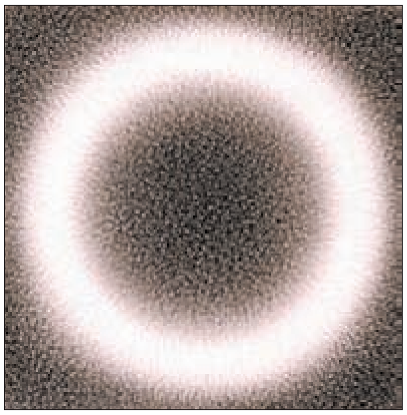
Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St., 634-5581, csfineartscenter.org. *Floyd D. Tunson: Son of Pop*, a career-spanning exhibition of the works of longtime Palmer High School art instructor, and celebrated artist, Floyd Tunson. Oct. 27 to Jan. 20. Member's preview, Fri., Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m., with a presentation by FAC museum director Blake Milteer and Tunson, 5:30 p.m.

The Commons Gallery, Depot Arts Building, 218 W. Colorado Ave. *Scene From a Dream: Dream Figures / Fellow Dreamers*, a showcase of photographs by Charles Knoeckel. Through Oct. 28.

Cottonwood Center for the Arts, 427 E. Colorado Ave., 520-1899, cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com. *Dia de los Muertos*, a cultural event and art exhibition celebrating the Mexican holiday in all media. Find music, food, entertainment and more. Oct. 26 to Nov. 27. Opening reception, Fri., Oct. 26, 5-8:30 p.m., featuring dance performances, a fashion show, live music and more.

CSU-Pueblo's Fine Art Gallery, 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, 719/549-2404, chass.colostate-pueblo.edu/Art/Galleries/Pages/Galleries.aspx. *Laura Ben-Amots: Battle Portraits*, a showcase of Ben-Amots' moving portraits of wounded veterans, which she derived from interviews with her subjects. Through Nov. 2.

Fare Bella Studio and Gallery, 16 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs, 720/226-4315. *Watercolor Batik*, a showcase of this fascinating medium as interpreted by local artists including Rodie Zolecki and Patrice Filler. Through Oct. 31.



PICK **Downtown Studio Gallery at Pikes Peak Community College,** 100 W. Pikes Peak Ave., 502-4040, laura.ben-amots@ppcc.edu, ppcc.edu/departments/art/ppcc-art-gallery. *Devotional Realms: The Happening*, an exploration of what sacred spaces look like, interpreted by 18 artists including: LeRad, Jay Miller, Carol Dass, Lance Green and others. Through Nov. 24.

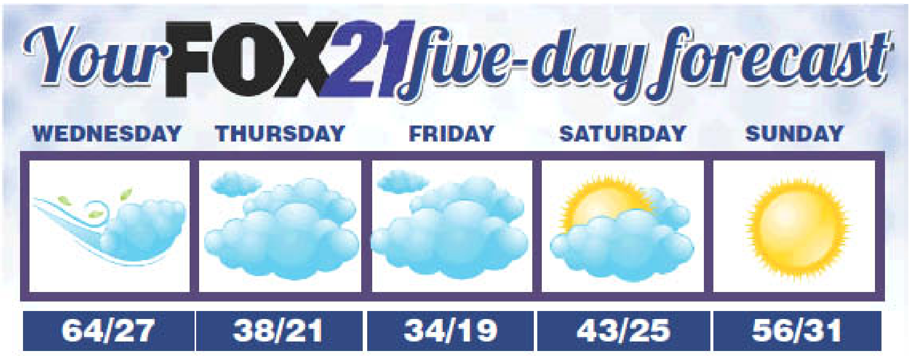
GOCA 1420 at UCCS, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-3567, galleryuccs.org. *Rain Machine: Eric Tillinghast*, a site-specific, water-centric installation that nearly fills the 2,800-square-foot gallery. Through Dec. 6.

Hayden Hays Broadmoor Galleries, 1 Lake Circle, 577-5744, haydenhaysgallery.com. *Sara Howsam*, an exhibition of new works by the local artist. Oct. 30 to Dec. 1.

Kreuser Gallery, 218 W. Colorado Ave., 630-6347, abigailkreusergallery.com. *Elemental*, an exhibition of floral giclées by photographer Abigail Kreuser. Proceeds from the artwork will be donated to Silver Key Senior Services.

Marmalade at Smokebrush, 219 W. Colorado Ave., #210, 444-1012, smokebrush.org. *Interpretations of the Body*, an exhibition of revealing photography by Susan Shapard Biggs. Through Oct. 28.

Modbo, 17C E. Bijou St., 633-4240, themodbo.wordpress.com. *Speaking With the Dead*, a solo show by Lindsay Hand, who describes her current show this way: "Exploring the phenom-



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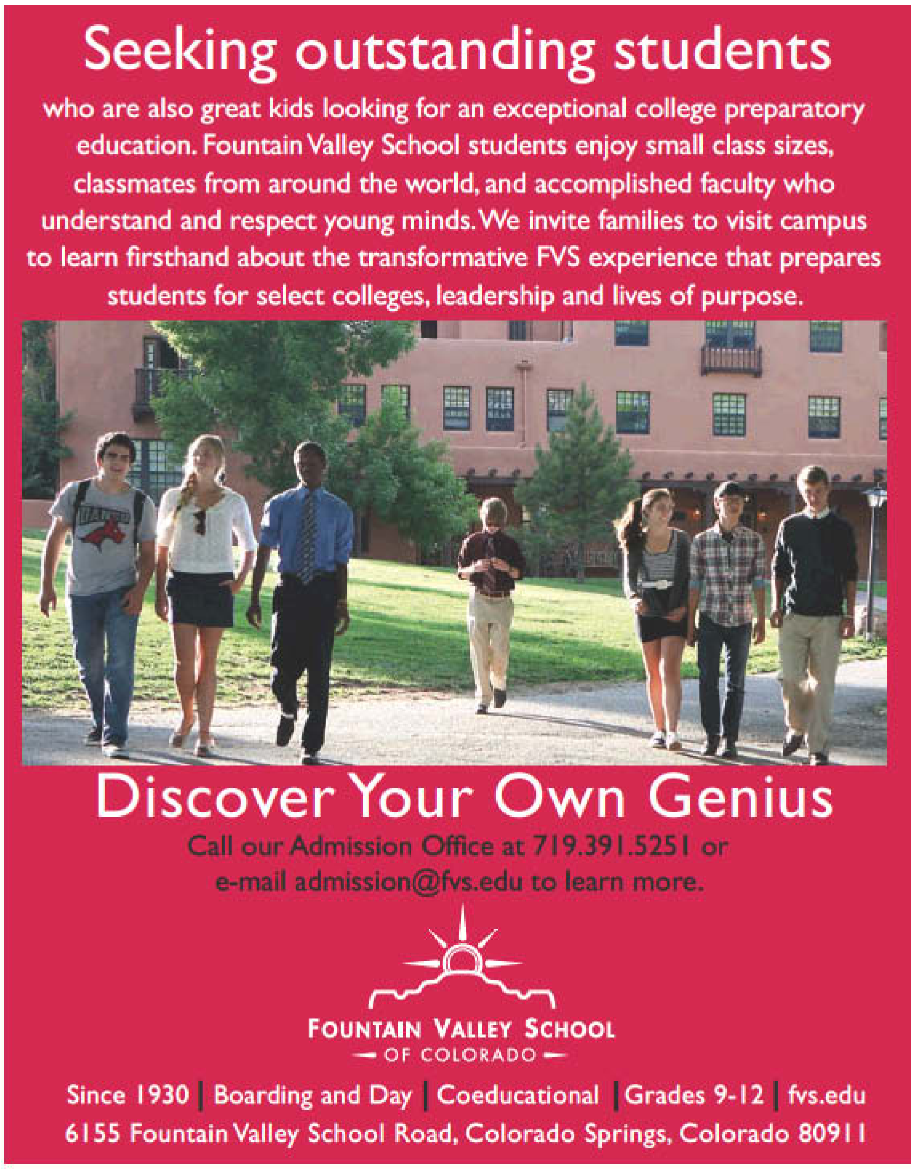

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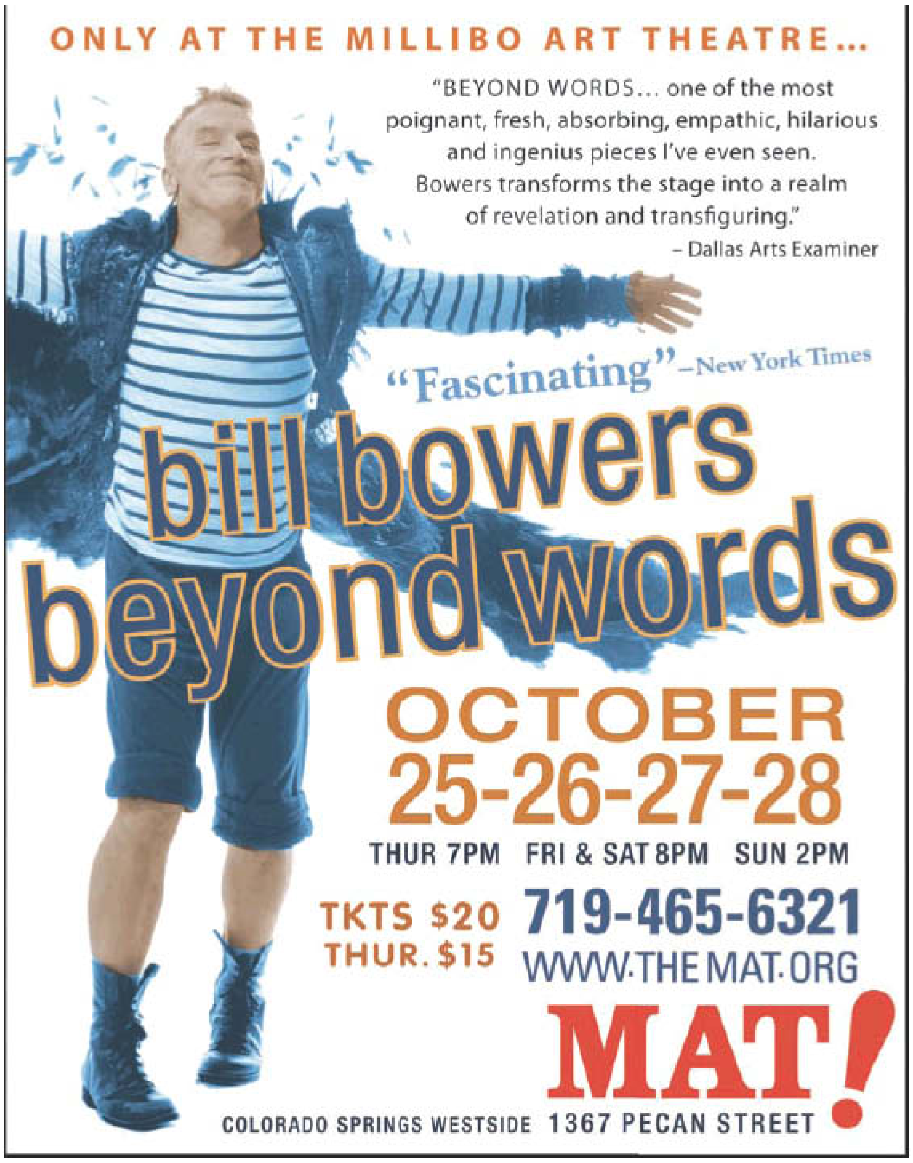

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ena of shared memories, I painted each piece from photos left behind in a stranger's wake. My mental cobwebs began to clear as I walked through my own past while meditating on someone else's. Hence, 'Speaking With the Dead.'" Through Oct. 26.

Mountain Living Studio, 741 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-0225, mountainlivingstudio.com. *Cold Comfort*, featuring new works on paper and canvas by local artist Liese Chavez. Through Nov. 16.

Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320 N. Tejon St., 578-0012, poorrichardsdowntown.com. The theme will change with the months: "Trees and Things" in October; "Vistas and Views" in November; and "Other Scenes and Things" in December. Through Dec. 13.

S.P.Q.R., 17 B E. Bijou St., 633-4240. *New Work by Phil Lear*, a solo show by this renowned local painter whose new works are "Part urban myth, a sprinkling of Shakespeare, a bit of murder mystery, these pieces illuminate the darker side of the causes and effects of people behaving on impulse." Through Oct. 26.

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 481-0475, trilakesarts.org. *Pathos*, a collection of works by Rodney Wood — who also curated it — Carol Dass, Randal Barbera, Bonnie Waugh, Laurel Swab. Also on display, *Forged Identity: Pillars of the Individual*, a solo show by Jodie Bliss. Through Nov. 3.

Auditions&Entries

Annual Photography Show, accepting entries from professionals and non-professionals in color, black-and-white and portrait photography categories. All photographs must be framed, ready to hang and priced for sale. Call for more info. Through Oct. 27. Mineral Palace Park, 19th and Court Streets, Pueblo, 719-543-2455.

Business of Art Center seeks donations of artwork for its new program "Art for a New Start," which aims to gift each of the families left homeless by the Waldo Canyon Fire with an original work from a local artist. Through Nov. 10. Business of Art Center, 513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1861, thebac.org.

Commonwheel Artists Co-op seeks a potter or 3-D artist to join the co-op. See website for application. Applications, along with five to 10 digital photographs due: Nov. 12 by 6 p.m. Commonwheel Artists Co-op, 102 Cañon Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1008, commonwheel.com.

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District seeks community members eager to preserve and promote PPLD by serving on the board of directors. Go online for more info and to download the application. 531-6333 ext. 1008, friendsppld.org.

Survival ... via Sustainability Snap-Off, take a photo of yourself engaged in something relating to recycling/reusing or local food and you could win prizes totaling over $200. Oct. 26 is the deadline for entries. facebook.com/CS.OIS.

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts seeks entries for its January exhibition entitled *From the Earth: Fine Art in Wood and Clay*. Entries due by Dec. 18. Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 481-0475, trilakesarts.org.

Clubs&Organizations

Baby Boomers Support Group, a new club seeking members who wish to find support among others with aggressive/abusive parents. Call Josephine at 632-4801 for details.

Colorado Native Club, a gathering for native Coloradans over a potluck dinner with a presentation on state history and culture. Fourth Thursday of every month (rescheduled to third Thursday of every month to not conflict with holidays), 5:45-7:30 p.m. Free, $10 per year to join. Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle, 632-6806, innatgardenplaza.com.

Colorado Springs Creative Photography Group, a weekly meet-up of a photography group "that is social, educational and community-based. We welcome members of all skill levels." Seeking new members for the main group, and a separate spinoff for teens. See website for details. 232-5697, meetup.com/creative-photography.

Colorado Springs Scrabble Club, for players of all abilities and experience levels. Bring equipment if you have it. Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Jason's Deli, 7455 N. Academy Blvd., 332-5141, mem@rialto.org, jasonsdeli.com.

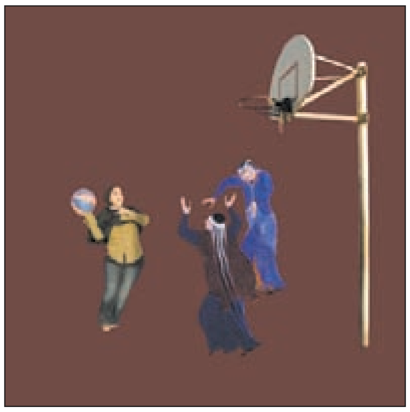
Colorado Springs Toastmasters, Mondays, 6 p.m. Maggie Mae's Restaurant & Pub, 2405 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 425-6004, reports.toastmasters.org/findaclub/zoomclub.cfm?clubNumber=555.

Green Drinks, eat, drink and discuss topics like ways to enable commercial kitchens to use more local food and the latest on the Downtown Public Market Task Force. Thurs., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. Blue Sage, 5152 Centennial Blvd., 632-6189, creativecateringsolutions.com.

MS Support Groups, offering five support groups around the region for those living with MS, and their caregivers. For locations and information call 633-4603. Multiple Sclerosis Alliance of Southern Colorado, 1322 N. Academy Blvd., #119, 633-4603, msasoco.org.

Networking Groups, Job Search Group meets Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon. 50+ Job Seekers Group meets Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Veterans Networking Group meets the first and second Thursday of the month, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road, 636-0000, dhs.elpasoco.com.

Photography Classes and Group, offering photography and Photoshop classes at various locations around town. Visit 3peaksphoto.com/classes.html for a schedule. A photography group is also open to new members of all skill levels. Visit meetup.com/The-Colorado-Photography-Learning-Group for more information. 260-6637.



PICK **I.D.E.A. Space at Colorado College,** Cornerstone Arts Center, 825 N. Cascade Ave., 389-6066, theideaspace.com. *Cross-Currents: Tradition and Innovation in Contemporary Art of the Islamic World*, a group show featuring seven contemporary artists from Iran, Iraq, Bosnia and Pakistan who "adapt or appropriate aesthetic strategies from older Persian and Arabic traditions." Topics the works explore include secular and sacred spaces, exile and return, gender identities and more. Through Oct. 24.

Pikes Peak Jugglers, an informal group of jugglers ranging in skill from beginners to pros. Non-members are welcome. Sundays, 3-5 p.m. Free. Informal gatherings open to all ages and skill levels. Sundays, 3-5 p.m. Downtown YMCA, 207 N. Nevada Ave., 477-9978, ppymca.org.

WomenHeart Support Group, a brown-bag lunch gathering of women living with, or at risk for, heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5-6 p.m. Free. Penrose Hospital Main, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., 200-2645, womenheart.org.

Comedy&Improv

Hippieman, Oct. 25-27. $2-$10, two-item minimum. Loonee's Comedy Corner, 1305 N. Academy Blvd., 591-0707, loonees.com.

Stick Horses in Pants, family-friendly improv comedy. Sat., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. $8. The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Ave., 800/634-7711, thestickhorses.com.

Concerts

Halloween Concert, a set of seasonal selections from the Pikes Peak Community College music department. Admission is free, but donations for the PPCC food pantry will be gratefully accepted. Sun., Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. PPCC Centennial Campus, 5675 S. Academy Blvd., 502-3200, ppcc.edu.

Labyrinth: Musical Reflections on the Soul's Journey, a program of selections by the Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble, ranging from the Renaissance to the modern era. Fri., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, 22 W. Kiowa St., 577-4192, cvae.org.

The Old Maid and the Thief, a staged version of Menotti's comedic opera with Opera Theatre's Young Artists Outreach Ensemble. Fri., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. $15-20. Damon Runyon Repertory Theatre, 611 N. Main St., Pueblo, 564-0579, operatheatreoftherockies.org.

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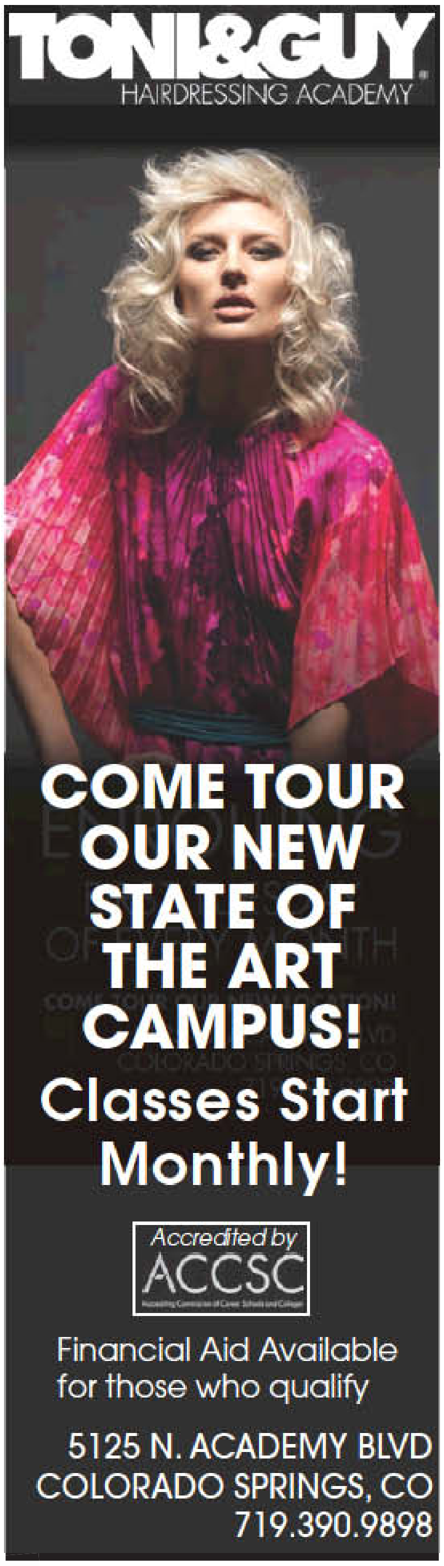

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United States Air Force Academy Band: *Brass Blast*, Tues., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. CC's Packard Hall, 5 W. Cache la Poudre St., 389-6607, coloradocollege.edu.

DanceParties&Classes

CommuniDance, a free-form dance group. Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. By donation. Movement Arts Community Studio, 525 E. Fountain Blvd., #150, 963-1809, movementartscs.com.

Country-Western Dance Party, easy line dances, cowboy cha-chas, two-steps and square dances with the help of instructors. No partner or experience required. Come at 7 p.m. for new-dancer instructions. Second and Fourth Saturday of every month, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $1-$5. The Carriage Stop, 2700 W. Robinson St., 598-8624, roncounts.com.

Odissi Dance with Tejas, courses on classical east Indian dance held Tuesdays 8-10 p.m. and Fridays 5:30-7:30 p.m. (first Fridays 5:30-6:30 p.m.) Movement Arts Community Studio, 525 E. Fountain Blvd., #150, 963-1809, shaktidancetroupe.com.

Scottish Country Dance, held on the lower level. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. $5, first class free. International Dance Club, 2422 Busch Ave., 310-1784, internationaldanceclub.org.

Senior +55 Dance, weekly dances with music from the '40s, '50s and '60s. Tuesdays, 6-10:30 p.m. $3 per person (or $5 for two). Retired Enlisted Association, 834 Emory Circle, 596-0927, treaone.org.

PICK **Mardosz Fine Art Gallery,** 109 S. Corona St., 473-1964, pikespeakstudiotour.com. *Pikes Peak Studio Tour Preview Show*, an opening celebration of the upcoming tour, featuring samples from the 19 participating artists. Through Oct. 26.

Swing in the Springs, beginner and intermediate swing dance classes covering a variety of styles, followed by a free East Coast Swing class and a DJ'd dance. Casual dress, but no street shoes. Sundays, 7:30-10 p.m. $6. VFW Hall, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 210-4697, swinginthesprings.com.

Tango Lessons, offering lessons Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cucuru Gallery Café, 2332 W. Colorado Ave., 520-9900, cucurugallerycafe.com.

Waltz Lessons, offering free and low-cost waltz lessons for patterned dances. Go online for a schedule. Call to sign up. 598-2885, 592-1418, broadmoorwaltzclub.com/default.html.

Weekly Latin Night at Fujiyama, learn a variety of Zumba-inspired Latin dances, including merengue, reggaeton and salsa. Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m. $3. Fujiyama, 22 S. Tejon St., Suite A, 520-1201, springssalsa.com.

Film

***War Don Don*,** the selection for Yobel's monthly documentary night, tells the story of the first major war crimes tribunal, held in Sierra Leone, since the trials at Nuremberg more than 60 years ago. Thoughtful discussion on the future of international criminal justice will follow. Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Yobel Market, 2528 W. Colorado Ave., 598-7992, ht-colorado.org.

Food&Drink

"The Bounty of Fall," a four-part class with chef Amy Pontius, focusing on soups, salads, world flavors, Thanksgiving and more. Tuesdays; through Nov. 13. $150. Garden of the Gods Gourmet, 2528 W. Cucharras St., 471-2799, godsgourmet.net.

FUNdamentals in Wine Series, an educational series on wine fundamentals with wine, instruction and paired snacks. Reservations required, and can be made through Women for WineSense's website. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5:30 p.m. $35. Soirée Events & Celebrations, 1003 A&B S. Tejon St., 351-7191, womenforwinesense.org.

Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz, Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Tony's Bar, 311 N. Tejon St., 228-6566, tonysdowntownbar.com. Mondays, 8 p.m. Jack Quinn Irish Alehouse & Pub, 21 S. Tejon St., 385-0766, jackquinnspub.com. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. McCabe's Tavern, 520 S. Tejon St., 633-3300, mccabestavern.com.

Italian Cuisine Recipe Contest, submit your favorite related recipe and, if selected, it will be a specialty dish at the restaurant for the month of November. The winner will also receive a free dinner for four. Submit entries to kerri@thevillapalmerlake.com and include your full name, e-mail address, phone number and mailing address. Entries are due by Oct. 31. Villa Palmer Lake, 75 S. Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 481-2222, thevillapalmerlake.com.

Monument Beer Week, a week of dinners, tastings and new releases held at locations around Monument, but especially Pikes Peak Brewing Co. (1756 Lake Woodmoor Drive). Through Oct. 27. pikespeakbrewing.com.

Museum Farmers' Market, a chance to grab fresh vegetables from Pueblo, as well as breads, meats and more. Mondays, Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; through Oct. 31. Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 Northgate Blvd., 488-0880, 800/752-6558, wmmi.org.

Old Colorado City Farmers Market, Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; through Oct. 27. Bancroft Park, 2408 W. Colorado Ave., 574-1283.

Tuesday Night Karma Hour, a weekly happy hour with a twist: Each week Bristol will donate $1 to a charity from each pint sold. Tuesdays, 5 p.m. Bristol Brewing Company, 1647 S. Tejon St., 633-2555, bristolbrewing.com.

Venetucci Farmstand, Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; through Oct. 27. Venetucci Farm, 5210 S. U.S. Hwy. 85, 389-1251, ppcf.org/Farm-Stand.

GetInvolved

Book drive to benefit Head Start, help the STAR literacy program at the Community Partnership for Child Development by donating new, unused children's books at any Aspen Auto Clinic location to receive a $10 oil change. Through Oct. 31. Aspen Auto Clinic - Union Blvd., 1619 N. Union Blvd., 884-1414, cpcdheadstart.org.

PICK **A Civil Dialogue Regarding the Election,** a chance to learn what happens when love and respect are added to the equation of political discourse, featuring Focus on the Family President Jim Daly and *Colorado Springs Independent* publisher John Weiss. A coffee social event will follow the dialogue. Sun., Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. Vanguard Church, 3950 N. Academy Blvd., 591-8800, andrea_regan@vanguardchurch.org, vanguardchurch.org.

Colorado GiveCamp seeks IT designers, developers and administrators to help complete digital projects for qualifying nonprofits from Oct. 26-28. DeVry University, 1175 Kelly Johnson Blvd., coloradogivecamp.org.

Eighth annual Coats & Cans Drive seeks donations of new or gently used clothing, coats, sweaters, mittens, hats and nonperishable food items to donate to needy local families. Hosted by Catholic Charities, Lighthouse Ministries Pantry and Harris Group Realty, Inc. Donations can be dropped off at 2950 Professional Place, Suite 205 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or at Easy Street Designs at 109 Kiva Road, Security from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Through Nov. 9. 227-9900.

El Paso County seeks citizens to work as election judges during the Nov. 6 election. Judges must be 18 years old, registered as an El Paso County voter and have transportation. 575-8683.

Holiday Mail for Heroes, a chance for everyone to say thanks and send encouragement to soldiers away from home for the holidays by sending cards to P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456. Sponsored by the American Red Cross; see website for instructions. Through Dec. 7. redcross.org/holidaymail.

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The Mountain Post's Santa's Workshop seeks new, unwrapped toys to be gifted to kids on Fort Carson. Dropoff locations are at UMB Bank, 5 Star Bank, Peterson AFB Central Bank & Trust and other locations. Through Dec. 1. 704-9120, mtnpostsantsworkshop@gmail.com.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments seeks a volunteer to serve as a citizen-at-large for its Community Advisory Committee. Send a letter of application along with a brief résumé of experience emphasizing community involvement to Community Advisory Committee, Attn.: Jacquelyn Puett, PPACG, 15 S. Seventh St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905. Applications due: Oct. 31. ppacg.org/downloads/Meeting-Agendas-and-Documents/Community-Advisory-Committee.

Planning for Survival: Lessons From Waldo Canyon, a panel discussion with representatives of various city and county agencies on lessons learned from the Waldo Canyon Fire. Wed., Oct. 24, 7 p.m. East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd., 531-6333 ext. 1202, tduncan@ppld.org, ppld.org.

Silver Key Senior Services seeks drivers for its transportation department; 200 rides had to be cancelled in September due to the shortage. Silver Key Senior Services, 2250 Bott Ave., 884-2300, silverkey.org.

Tree planting with Cultivating Hope Project, help plant ponderosas, piñons and blue spruces in the Mountain Shadows neighborhoods. Trees and equipment provided, but please dress appropriately, and bring water and tools if you have them. Meet at the southwest corner of Lanagan Street and Flying W Ranch Road. RSVP by Oct. 26. Cultivating Hope also seeks volunteers to help answer phones and gather donations. Oct. 26-27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 344-8441, cultivatinghopeproject.org.

Wine & Cheese Tasting, an event including food, drink and a silent auction to benefit St. Francis' Women Partnering program. Fri., Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m. $25. Mount St. Francis, St. Francis of Assisi Church Ministry Center, 2650 Parish View, 593-0378, bcarrtilley@yahoo.com.

Health&Healing

Alcoholics Anonymous, a meeting of men and women sharing their experiences, strength and hope to help each other overcome alcoholism. Mondays, 5:30 p.m. The Pride Center, 2508 E. Bijou St., aa@yourpridecenter.org.

Energy Healing: An Experiential Workshop, a hands-on class that discusses and practices the various forms of energy healing. Last Thursday of every month, 6:30-9 p.m. $10. Celebration Community Room, 2207 W. Colorado Ave., 465-3536, celebrationstore.com.

Free Depression Support Groups, offering 10 peer-led support groups weekly, hosted by the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Colorado Springs. Call or go online for more information. Ongoing. 477-1515, dbsacoloradosprings.org.

GLBQTA Yoga, exercise in a safe and empowering environment friendly toward beginners. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Donations welcome. Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church, 1102 S. 21st St., 304-9130, info@yogajuan.com.

"Insulin Resistance, Metabolic Syndrome and Obesity," a session from the Institute for Sustained Health, with information on diet and more. Held at the Braxton Building on 6 N. Tejon St. Thurs., Oct. 25, 5 p.m. Free. 304-2873, 488-2656.

NEVER a Victim Self Defense Class, a fun and empowering class for women, held in partnership with TESSA in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Twenty percent of proceeds go to TESSA. Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $30. Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main St., Fountain, 339-1959, doris@never-a-victim.org, never-a-victim.org.

PTSD Peer-Led Support Group, a support group for the spouses or significant others of veterans or current military personnel suffering with PTSD. Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Veterans' Affairs Clinic, 25 N. Spruce St., #207, 685-1965.

PTSD Support Group, for soldiers experiencing nightmares, flashbacks, insomnia, irritability, and/or hyper-vigilance. Meet with other soldiers who are experiencing the same symptoms. Facilitated by licensed therapist. Confidential. Covered by Tricare. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m. Soldier Life Center, 1767 S. Eighth St., #100, 471-0800, soldierlifecenter.com.

Rockies Counseling Center Therapy, offering weekly support groups covering grief and loss, Love and Logic parenting and a Dialectic Behavioral Therapy Skills Group. Call for more info and to register. University of the Rockies, 555 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 442-0606, rockies.edu.

Starting Over, a workshop for those experiencing divorce, separation or loss of a significant other. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; through Nov. 15. $35. Woodmen Valley Chapel, 290 E. Woodmen Road, 388-4972, woodmenvalley.org/startingover.

Kids&Family

Children's History Hour, a special themed tour in celebration of Intergenerational Month, featuring *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco for storytime and a quilt craft to take home. RSVP by October 26. Sat., Oct. 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St., 385-5990, cspm.org.

Colorado Springs Indian Center events, offering weekly events such as family arts and crafts nights on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m., drum practices Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and more. Colorado Springs Indian Center, 701 N. 20th St., 599-8630, coloradospringsindiancenter.com.

Discover the New Frontier, an exhibition offering children the chance to "walk into a Western canyon and recapture the past through an exploration of Western history." Through Nov. 3. Buell Children's Museum, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo, 719/295-7200, sdc-arts.org.

El Paso County 4-H Fall Family Carnival, an evening of games, a costume contest, a petting zoo, a bounce house and more. Sat., Oct. 27, 5-8 p.m. Skyview Middle School, 6350 Windom Peak Blvd., 520-7675, elpasoco.colostate.edu.

Introduction to Cloth Diapers, a class from Cloth Diaper Market. Call to RSVP and get location info. Sat., Oct. 27, 3-4 p.m. 574-2899.

Lectures&Learning

Colorado Living History, a chance to meet the spitfire half of Leadville's famous Tabor family. Actress Mary Jane Bradley will portray Colo-

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rado pioneer Augusta Tabor through colorful stories and dialogue. Wed., Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. $30. Village at Skyline, 2365 Patriot Heights, 633-4991, visitpillar.org.

Debating the Election, a debate between students of Colorado College and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Mon., Oct. 29, 11:15 a.m. Free. Colorado College, 14 E. Cache La Poudre St., 389-6000, coloradocollege.edu/index.asp.

Full Moon Tour, a chance to see the rescue and some of its wolves up close. Coffee and cocoa provided. Wear warm clothes and boots and bring a camera and flashlight. Sat., Oct. 27, 5 p.m. $15-$25. Colorado Wolf & Wildlife Center, 4729 Twin Rocks Road, Divide, 687-9742, wolfeducation.org.

Learn to Speak Spanish Club, Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. Cucuru Gallery Café, 2332 W. Colorado Ave., 306-8565, juliober@yahoo.com, cucurugallerycafe.com.

Lunch and a Look at the Garden, weekly lectures touching on topics such as local history, park flora and fauna and more. Call 219-0108 for reservations. Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.; through Dec. 18. Free, lunch at participants' expense. Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center, 1805 N. 30th St., 219-0108, gardenofgods.com.

Minding Your Business, a chance to learn from the experts: What kind of research do you need to do before starting a business? How can databases, print and web resources help a growing business stay on top of its industry, vendors and competition? Thurs., Oct. 25, 8:30-10 a.m. Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave., 531-6333, ppld.org.

"Passion for Conservation," a presentation from photographer and conservationist Dave Showalter. Thurs., Oct. 25, 7 p.m. Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, 719/549-2826, daveshowalter.com.

Pikes Peak Workforce Center classes, offering courses such as: "Building a Basic Résumé," "Networking: Pay It Forward," "Social Media: Expand Your Networking Connections." Go online for more information. Pikes Peak Workforce Center, Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road, #1107, 667-3700, ppwfc.org.

Prologue Lecture Series: Vince Russo and Ed Ferrara, a look into the world of *The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity*, with these former pro-wrestling writers. Sun., Oct. 28, 2:30 p.m. Free. UCCS' Dusty Loo Bon Vivant Theater, 3955 Regent Circle, 255-3232, theatreworkscs.org.

Senior Resource Development Agency Classes, registering now for classes and sessions including line dancing, computer skills, painting, quilting and more. See the online calendar for current events. Senior Resource Development Agency, 230 N. Union Ave., Pueblo, 719/545-8900, srda.org.

Small Business Development Center classes, offering courses through October and November on topics such as: networking, contract basics, QuickBooks Pro basics, payroll issues, managing financial statements and more. Small Business Development Center, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-3844, cssbdc.org.

LiteraryEvents

Authors' Day, a special event of the American Association of University Women, featuring presentations by four diverse Colorado women authors. Morning snacks and beverages and an elegant lunch will also be provided. Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $60. Garden of the Gods Club, 3320 Mesa Road, 590-7237.

Grand Re-Opening of Black Cat Books, a chance to celebrate the new location with food, drinks and en-

Holiday

18th Annual Emma Crawford Coffin-Race and Parade, a coffin parade down Manitou Avenue in Manitou Springs, followed by the race. Sat., Oct. 27, noon. 685-5089, manitousprings.org.

Autumn Arts and Crafts Fair, an event with student art, teacher and parent crafts, food, children's activities, music and door prizes to benefit the GO Club of Harrison School District, which provides emergency assistance to District Two families. Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Harrison High School, 2755 Janitell Road, 226-7215, dtew@hsd2.org.

Boo at the Zoo, a Halloween party for young children, featuring trick-or-treating and other holiday festivities. Bring a candy bag and flashlight. Through Oct. 28, 4 p.m. $10-$18. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road, 633-9925 ext. 111, cmzoo.org.

Cañon Halloween Carnival, a night of games, cupcakes, a "spooky trail," and more. Fri., Oct. 26, 4-8 p.m. Free. Starsmore Discovery Center, 2120 S. Cheyenne Cañon Road, 385-6086, springsgov.com.

Dia de los Muertos, a costume party fundraiser for breast cancer awareness featuring face painting, raffles, performers and a DJ. Free Blondie's Pink Drink ticket for the afterparty; all proceeds go to metavivor.com. Sat., Oct. 27, 7 p.m. $5. Eden Salon and Barbershop, 12 East Kiowa Street, 433-5996, linzdrago@yahoo.com, edensalon-evolution.com.

Emma Crawford's Victorian Wake, the annual chance to mourn the passing of Emma Crawford, through a Victorian wake featuring a buffet dinner, drinks and more. RSVP by Oct. 24, when payment will be collected, for the Oct. 26, 6 p.m. event. $30-$40. Miramont Castle Museum, 9 Capitol Hill Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1011, miramontcastle.org.

Ghost Stories of Old Manitou, a 45-minute tour involving real Manitou Springs citizens who lived or died in interesting ways. Tours leave from the center every 15 minutes. Sat., Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m. $5-$10. Manitou Springs Heritage Center, 517 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1454, emmacrawfordfestival.com, manitouspringsheritagecenter.org.

Halloween Carnival, Sat., Oct. 27, 3 p.m. Free. Lake George Charter School, 8989 County Road 90, Lake George, 719/748-3911.

HalloWINE, an evening of wine and ghoulish merriment spread across the galleries and tasting rooms of downtown Woodland Park. Expect games, a costume contest and more. Sat., Oct. 27, 4-8 p.m. 686-1409.

Haunted Mines, a chance to drop into the mines, travel the tunnels, ride the "Hellevator" back out and more. For ages 13 and up. Through Oct. 31. $10-$30. Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd., 488-0880, 800/752-6558, wmmi.org.

Kids' Pumpkin Decorating, a special game of hide-and-seek to select your pumpkin, followed by time to paint and decorate it. Paint clothes recommended. Sat., Oct. 27, 10-11 a.m. Phelan Gardens, 4955 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 574-8058, phelangardens.com.

Light the Night, a family-friendly harvest event with games, candy, jumping castles, balloons, face painting and free child care, sponsored by the Gathering Stones Community. Sat., Oct. 27, 5-7:30 p.m. Frankie's Too, 7376 McLaughlin Road, Falcon, 358-1937, stonesfalcon.org.

Haunting at the Old Homestead**,** an original play by Chris Sorenson, about a woman who wants her haunted home exorcised. Through Nov. 4. $8.25-$16.25. Butte Theater, 139 E. Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, buttetheater.com.

Noche de los Muertos, a chance to celebrate the season the Marmalade way with live music, visual and performance art, dance, stilt walking, a fire show, and a skeleton ceremony. Come in costume! Sat., Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. $10-20. Marmalade at Smokebrush, 219 W. Colorado Ave., #210, 444-1012, smokebrush.org.

Open House with Jack-o'-Lantern Fundraising Kick-Off Party, an all-ages soiree that will unveil the plans for the center's upcoming expansion. Also included: live bugs and snakes to see, popcorn and cider to eat, and a silent auction. Sat., Oct. 27, 5 p.m. Free. Fountain Creek Nature Center, 320 Peppergrass Lane, Fountain, 520-6745, elpasocountyparks.com.

Phantoms of Evergreen Cemetery, a 90-minute tour from the city of Colorado Springs and the UCCS department of visual and performing arts, featuring the ghost of Mrs. Bacon, who's still looking for her stolen skull. Tour groups leave the front gate every 10 minutes. Sat., Oct. 27, 6-10 p.m. $10-$15. Evergreen Cemetery, 1005 S. Hancock Ave., 291-2409, coloradoghosttours.net.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show**,** a screening of the 1975 cult classic. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; through Oct. 27. Club Q, 3430 N. Academy Blvd., 570-1429, clubqonline.com.

Rocky Mountain Hauntfest, a pair of haunted houses — Mind Seizure and Ghouls Gulch — located at 3910 Palmer Park Ave. Through Oct. 31. $15-$25. rockymountainhauntfest.com.

Space & Science Fiction Halloween Ball, a costume party with silent auction, live DJ and classic sci-fi films, benefiting the Space Foundation's STEM Education programs. Sat., Oct. 27, 6:30-11:30 p.m. $20-25. The Space Foundation, 4425 Arrowswest Drive, 576-8000, kkerr@spacefoundation.org, spacefoundation.org.

Third Annual Trunk or Treat, a kid-friendly night of decorated vehicles and trick-or-treating. Sat., Oct. 27, 4 p.m. Free. Deerfield Hills Community Center, 4290 Deerfield Hills Road, 385-5996, springsgov.com.

Tommy Knocker Museum Scavenger Hunt, a race to build a miner's skeleton piece-by-piece by finding clues hidden throughout the museum. Mondays-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; through Oct. 31. $4-8. Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd., 488-0880, wmmi.org.

Trick-or-Treat Time, a community candy event for kids, held in the Rockrimmon Safeway Plaza. Sat., Oct. 27, 3-6 p.m. bliss-bakery.com.

Two Springs Ranch Harvest Days, a corn maze and pumpkin patch featuring hayrides and fun family-oriented fall attractions at Two Springs Ranch (32999 Daniel Road, Pueblo). Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; through Oct. 31. 719/671-7350, facebook.com/HarvestDays.

U.S. Taekwondo Center Halloween Parties, an event featuring a costume contest, food, candy, safety information and more; held at locations at 16328 Jackson Creek Pwky., Monument; 6217 Lehman Drive; and 1316 N. Academy Blvd. RSVP by Oct. 30 for the Oct. 31, 4 p.m. event. Free. 488-4321, familyblackbelt.com.

WMA Fall Carnival, a night of games, prizes, candy, mini self-defense classes, a haunted house and more. Sat., Oct. 27, 5 p.m. Free. Wolfpack Martial Arts, 4617 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 638-9653, wolfpackma.com.

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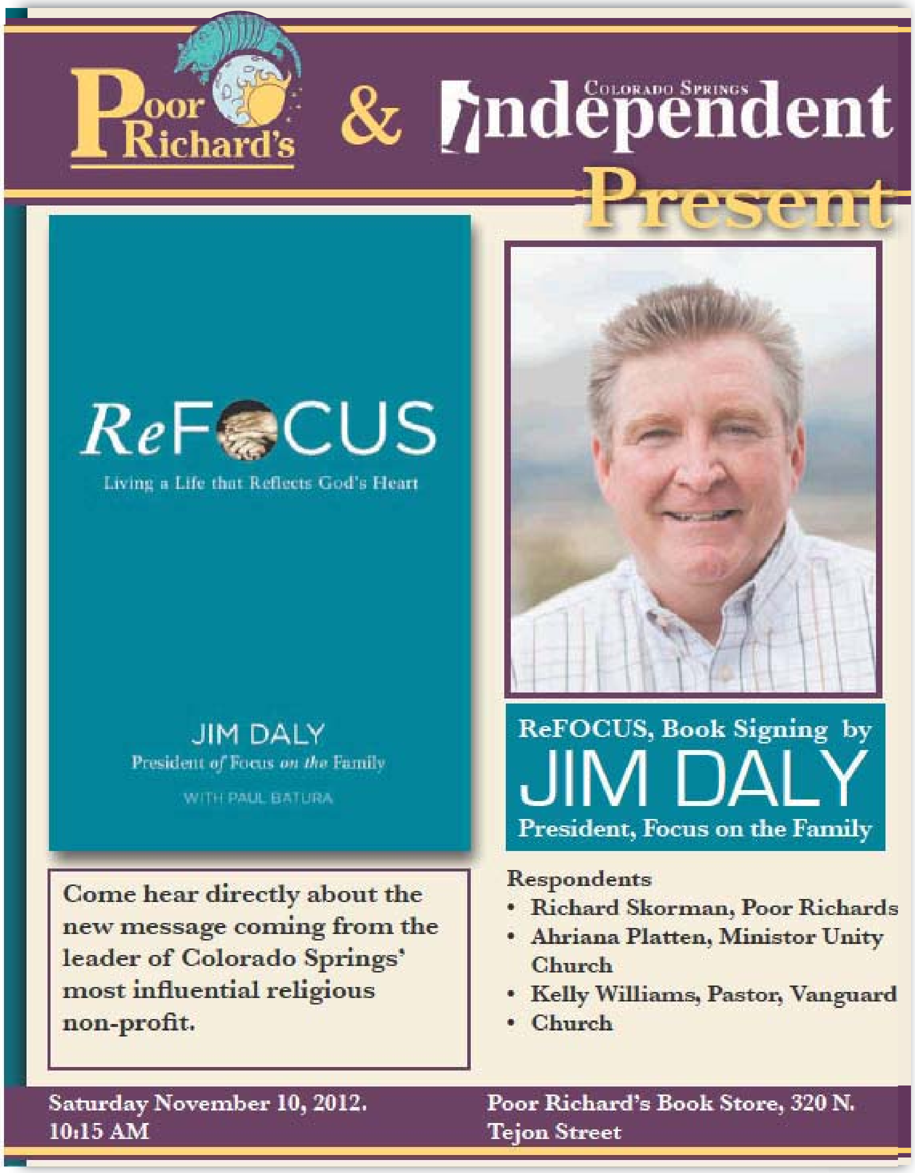

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Poetry Jam Contest, an all-levels open contest for poetry recitation. Poetry must be the author's own and under four minutes in length. $100 cash prize. Sat., Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m. $10. Cheyenne Mountain Library, 1785 S. Eighth St., #100, 331-3549, ppld.org.

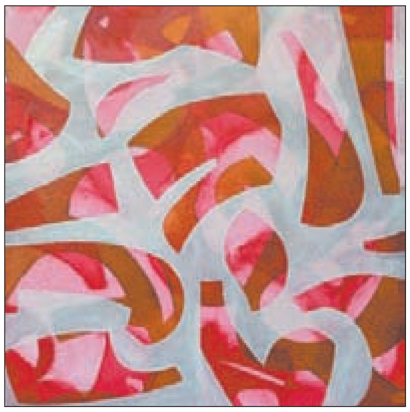
Visiting Writers Series: Maureen McHugh and Jess Walter, a zombie-themed reading by McHugh, author of *China Mountain Zhang* and *After the Apocalypse,* and Walter, a journalist and author of *The Zero* and *The Financial Lives of the Poets*. Costumes encouraged. Tues., Oct. 30, 7 p.m. Free. CC's Bemis Hall, 920 N. Nevada Ave., 389-6607, coloradocollege.edu.

Word Wednesdays, an open mic session for poets, comedians, actors, singers and other performers to share their work. Search the event on Facebook for more. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. V Bar, 19 E. Kiowa St., 313-0683.

Museums&Attractions

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St., 385-5990, cspm.org. Windows Into History, a chance to get a highlights tour of favorite exhibits and artifacts, chosen by museum staff. Space limited; RSVP required. Saturdays, noon; through Nov. 24.

The Money Museum, 818 N. Cascade Ave., 632-2646, money.org. *History of Money*, an exhibition on the different forms, shapes and uses of money over the past 10,000 years.



PICK **Soirée,** 1003 S. Tejon St., 633-8313, coloradospringsvenue.com. *Momentum*, a solo show of new abstract paintings focused on meditative spaces, as well as a series "inspired by walking meditation labyrinths." Through Dec. 31.

UCCS' Heller Center for the Arts and Humanities, 1250 N. Campus Heights, 330-3463, uccs.edu/~heller. *Connecting the Pieces: Dialogues From the Amache Archaeology Collection*, a special exhibit of artifacts and stories from survivors and descendants of the Amache internment camp — located in southeastern Colorado — which from 1942 to 1945 held over 7,500 Japanese-Americans. Through Nov. 5.

SpecialEvents

2012 Colorado Sustainability Conference, featuring Hunter Lovins, Greensburg mayor Bob Dixson, Daniel Wallach and others. Oct. 25-26. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2886 S. Circle Drive, coloradosustainabilityconference.org.

Colorado You Got Talent Semifinals, a performance contest. Sun., Oct. 28, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Colorado Springs City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St., 385-5969, coloradotalent.org.

Giving Is Always Fashionable, a fashion show, silent auction and luncheon sponsored by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. RSVP by Oct. 26 for the Nov. 1, 11 a.m. event. $45. Cheyenne Mountain Resort, 3225 Broadmoor Valley Road, 594-9561, cheyennemountain.com.

Pueblo Holistic Health & Living Fair, a semi-annual event featuring holistic health options, massage, energy healing, psychic readings, meditation tools and more. Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, 719/549-2418, puebloholisticfair.com.

STAR Academy Craft Fair, a bazaar of handmade goods to benefit the programs of STAR Academy, an alternative K-8 school focusing on space, technology and the arts. Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, 10 S. Parkside Drive, 638-6554, stargazerstheatre.com.

Sustainable-Buildings Expo and Tour, an expo looking at how to improve energy efficiency and increase the use of renewable energy; as well as a tour of sustainable homes and businesses. Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Springs Utilities Conservation and Environmental Center, 2855 Mesa Road, 282-8757, secres.org.

UCCS Graduate School Open House, a chance to speak with representatives from each of the UCCS colleges' 25 master's programs and five doctoral programs. Thurs., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. UCCS' University Center, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-3072, uccs.edu/~gradschl.

Viking Fair, the fourth annual celebration of Norse culture sponsored by the Sons of Norway, featuring an $8 breakfast, music, stories, art, collectibles and crafts, as well as a raffle. Proceeds go to charity. Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Viking Hall, 1045 Ford St., 351-3554, sonsofnorwaycs.com.

Spirituality

Sound Healing Saturdays, an hour-long sound immersion session with Himalayan singing bowls that helps release physical, emotional and spiritual tension. Last Saturday of every month, 5-7 p.m. $20. Celebration Community Room, 2207 W. Colorado Ave., 487-0260, celebrationstore.com.

Spiritual Self Defense, a discussion on how to defend one's self, family and home against malevolence and psychic disturbances. Wed., Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m. Liberal Catholic Church Center of Colorado Springs, 2720 E. Las Vegas St., #115, 387-0308, rev_ian_carman@catholic.org, stbonaventurelcc.org.

Springs Mountain Sangha, offering Zen meditation sessions Monday evenings from 6:10-8 p.m. (newcomers please arrive at 5:45); Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m.; and Saturdays 6:30-8:30 a.m. CC's Shove Memorial Chapel, 1010 N. Nevada Ave., 685-1994, smszen.org.

Weekly Spiritual Gathering, non-religious meet-ups with "laughter, song and great people." RSVP for more information. Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. By donation. 433-9625, kenpeacecarroll@gmail.com.

Sports&Recreation

Be a Superhero 5K Run, Walk & Roll, a fundraiser for Roundup Fellowship, which offers programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. $15-$25. America the Beautiful Park, 126 Cimino Drive, 303/757-8008 ext. 12, rup.org/be-a-superhero.

C'mon Run, free weekly 5K runs (or walks) with a free drink for each run and more freebies for the more runs you complete. Thursdays, 5 p.m. C'mon Inn, 711 Dale St., Fountain, 382-7562, cmoninnfountain.com.

Colorado Springs Cruisers, easy, weekly rides that leave Lofty's by 10 and hit downtown spots like Zodiac, Triple Nickel Tavern and V Bar for a leisurely, 21-and-up bike ride. Thursdays, 9 p.m. Lofty's, 287 E. Fountain Blvd., #100, 520-0024, wfacebook.com/coscruisers.

Fencing Class, offering four weekly classes starting Nov. 13 for beginner youths 9-14. $85. 339-5495, frontrangefencingclub@comcast.net.

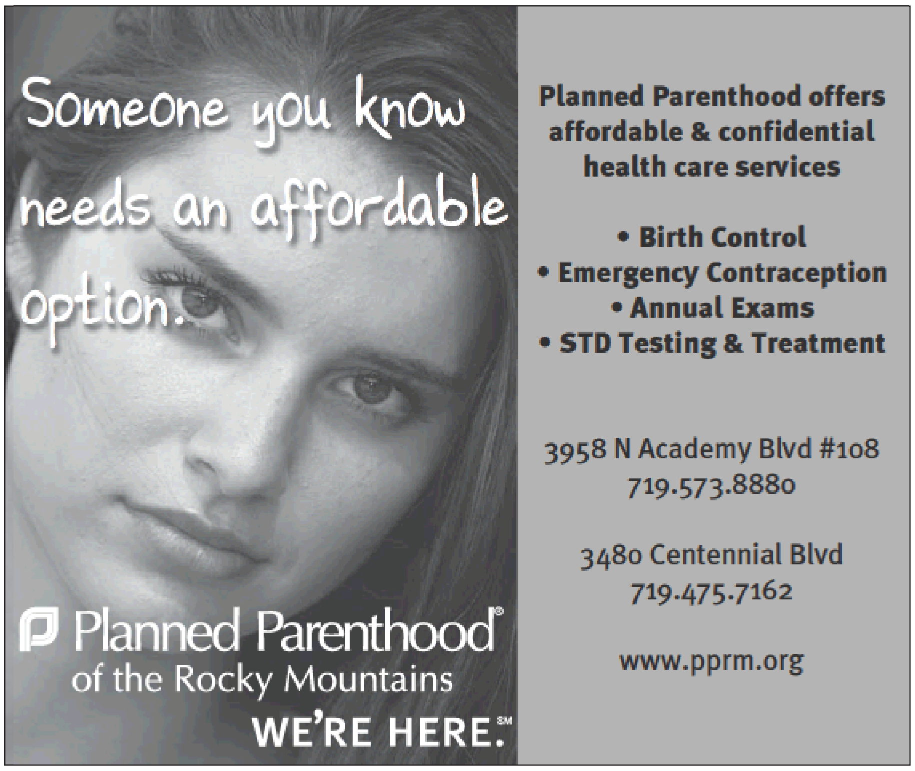
First & Main Run Club, weekly 3K and 5K runs with monthly prizes for club members. Held in the field behind Rock Bottom. Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Rock Bottom, 3316 Cinema Point Drive, 550-3586, facebook.com/rbrunclub.

The Joy Ride, a weekly bicycle ride that begins at the tavern, travels three to six miles along a downtown route and ends up back at McCabe's for beer specials. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. McCabe's Tavern, 520 S. Tejon St., 633-3300, upadowna.com.

Mountaineering Slideshows, a series of high-adventure slideshow presentations, including the women's speed climbing record on El Capitan, a roadtrip across Iceland, and a combination presentation/book signing with Greg Long, editor of *The Best Southern Front Range Hikes.* Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; through Oct. 24. Mountain Chalet, 226 N. Tejon St., 633-0732, mtnchalet.com.

Muldooniacs Running Club, weekly runs along the Homestead Trail, with a free drink after every run for of-age participants. Wednesdays, 6 p.m. José Muldoon's - Carefree Circle, 5710 S. Carefree Circle, 574-5673, josemuldoons.com.

Pikes Peak Derby Dames Candy Snipers vs. Danger Dolls, a home team flat track bout. Sat., Oct. 27, 7 p.m. $10-$15. Colorado Springs City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St., 385-5969, pikespeakderbydames.breezi.com.



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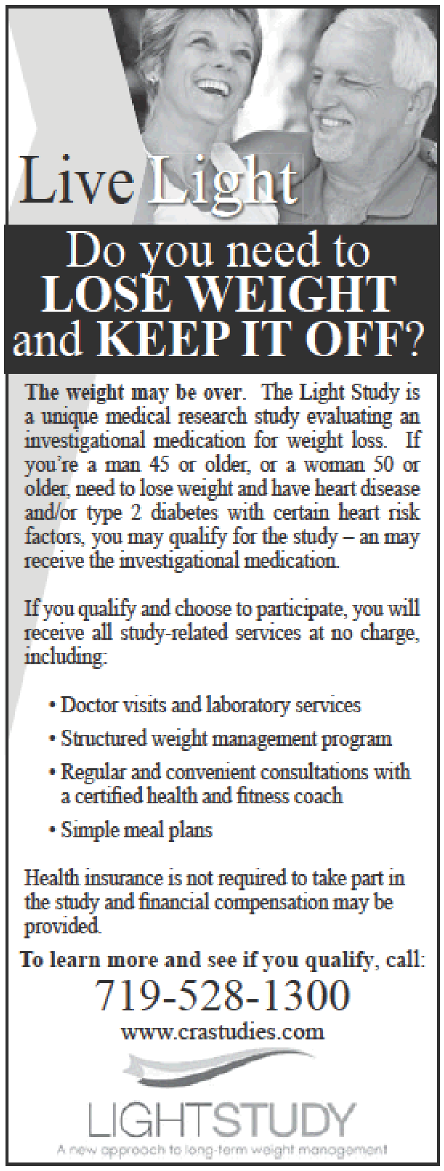
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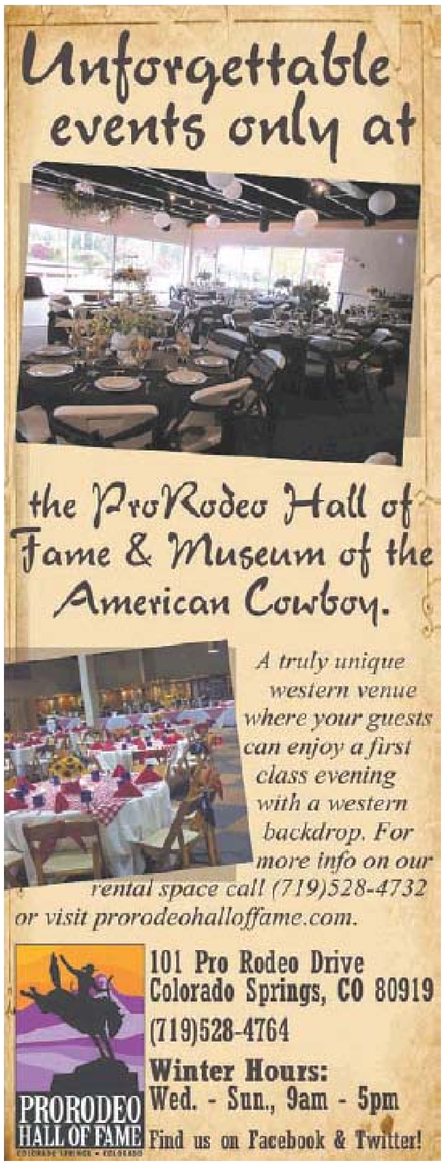
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Stage

The 39 Steps, a unique production of this Hitchcock classic, in which a cast of four play over 150 characters. Fri., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. $27-$30. Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo, 719/295-7200, sdc-arts.org.

Abducting Diana, a production of this play by Sean Verdu, which follows the kidnapping of millionaire Diana Forbes-McKaye, and the strange characters she outwits to free herself. Through Nov. 4. $10, $5 for students with ID. THEATREdART, 128 N. Nevada Ave., 357-8321, theatredart.org.

Aesop, a marionette production telling the tale of a slave hiding out with a life-size hypochondriac lion, among other creatures. Through Nov. 4. $8-$12. Simpich Showcase, 2413 W. Colorado Ave., 465-2492, simpich.com.

Beyond Words, a new show from mime Bill Bower, who continues his on-stage explorations of the realm of silence and culture. Oct. 25-28. $15-$20. Millibo Art Theatre, 1367 Pecan St., 465-6321, themat.org.

Guys and Dolls, the classic Frank Loesser musical by First Company, the theatrical troupe of First United Methodist Church. Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 28, 2:30 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 11, 2:30 p.m.; through Nov. 11. $5. First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave., 576-9153.

The House of Frankenstein, through Oct. 27. Impossible Playhouse, 1201 N. Main St., Pueblo, 719/542-6969, impossibleplayers.org.

Messenger University, a dramatic ministry production telling the Christmas story as a tale of two rival universities. Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Sat., Oct. 27, 3 p.m., Fri., Nov. 2, 7 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 3, 7 p.m. Sunrise United Methodist Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd., kim@sunriseplayers.com, sunriseplayers.com.

The Pillowman, a production of this award-winning dark comedy following an imprisoned writer whose works resemble a string of horrific murders. Through Oct. 28. Springs Ensemble Theatre, 1903 E. Cache La Poudre St., 357-3080, springsensembletheatre.org.

The Worst Halloween Ever, a spooky, family-friendly story about a group of trick-or-treaters who sneak into a haunted house. Prizes for best audience member costume! Sun., Oct. 28, 2 p.m. $10. Lon Chaney Theatre, 221 E. Kiowa St., 641-0249, offbroadmoor.com.

VolunteerOpportunities

Bear Creek Nature Center seeks adult volunteers for educational programs, help with special events and assistance with visitor services. 520-6388, paulamegorden@elpasoco.com.

Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region seeks volunteers to help with facility maintenance at the Tutt and El Pomar clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Through Dec. 19. 322-7175, bgcppr.org.

The Business of Art Center seeks skilled volunteers in the areas of accounting, engineering, grant-writing, energy-saving, organization and food service. Business of Art Center, 513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1861, ludel@thebac.org, thebac.org.

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado seeks volunteers to help out Mondays through Saturdays. It's also seeking "lead volunteers" who can commit to one or two days a week. Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, 2605 Preamble Point, 434-5724, careandshare.org.

Colorado Springs Conservatory seeks volunteers to handle various office duties including greeting students, parents and guests, answering the phone and taking messages and more. Colorado Springs Conservatory, 415 S. Sahwatch St., 577-4556, coloradospringsconservatory.org.

Evercare Hospice and Palliative Care needs volunteers to assist patients and families as companion volunteers, massage therapy volunteers (must be licensed), healing touch volunteers (must be certified). Training provided; the next session will be held Nov. 3. Please call 265-1109 for more.

Lookwhatthecatbroughtin seeks volunteers with bottle-feeding experience for orphaned kittens. Also need help with office duties and event assistance. 331-6852, lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org.

North End Adult Day Care seeks volunteers to play games, sing, make arts and crafts and more with North End's seniors, who are in need of memory care. Call for more information. 351-8786, northendadultdaycare.com.

Peak Area Council of Governments seeks volunteers with good clerical and customer service skills to help seniors improve their independence and quality of life by working in the Senior Information and Assistance Center (SIAC). Time commitment: 4-7 hours per week. 471-7080, jwilkinson@ppacg.org.

Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care seeks volunteers in various capacities, especially for help on the weekends, such as working in prescription animal therapy, courier duties, vigil volunteers (who sit with dying patients) and Helping Hands volunteers who perform various chores after a patient dies. Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, 825 E. Pikes Peak Ave. #600, 633-3400 ext. 600, pikespeakhospice.org.

SolAmor Hospice seeks volunteers to provide pet therapy to its terminally ill patients. 226-0091, solamorhospice.com.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado seeks volunteers for various trail projects. Volunteers must be 14 and up. Go online for more information. voc.org/projects.

Out of Town

art exhibits

Denver Art Museum, 100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy., Denver, 720/865-5000, denverartmuseum.org. *El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You About Africa*, a retrospective of this African artist, which includes 65 works, made from found objects like scrap metal, bottle caps, wood and other salvaged items. Through Dec. 30. *Becoming Van Gogh*, a groundbreaking show chronicling the famous artist's self-taught career. The show — developed by the DAM — features about 70 Van Goghs and 20 works by artists who influenced him. Through Jan. 20.

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Stranger Than Fiction

Curses, foiled again

After breaking into a St. Louis home and stealing several items, Damon L. Petty, 37, lingered to eat. The homeowner and a friend returned to find him frying bacon in the kitchen. They subdued him until police arrived. Petty pleaded guilty to burglary and received a seven-year prison sentence. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*)

Police investigating a bank robbery in Southfield, Mich., arrested Todd Jason Kettler, 37, after the manager of a strip club in Kalamazoo Township reported a man was paying for lap dances with money covered in red dye, which banks use to mark stolen money. (*Detroit Free Press*)

Winner of the next Nobel

Eva Restaurant in Los Angeles began offering a 5 percent discount to customers who check their cell phones with staffers when they're seated. Noting that nearly half the customers take advantage of the offer, owner Mark Gold explained the policy is an attempt to create an environment where diners connect to each other instead of to technology. (Associated Press)

Mensa reject of the week

Bank of America executive Jason Selch protested the firing of a colleague by bursting into a conference room and mooning his bosses. His subsequent firing cost him a contingent bonus package worth millions that would have vested only a few months later. Besides losing his job and the multi-million dollar bonus, Selch lost his lawsuit arguing he couldn't be fired "for cause" because the mooning didn't interfere with his official duties. (CNBC)

Identity crisis

When the driver of a tour bus at Iceland's Eldgja volcano reported a passenger missing, police began searching for a 5-foot-2 Asian woman who spoke English well. The search lasted from Saturday until around 3 a.m. Sunday, when one of the passengers who had joined the search party realized she was the person she was looking for. The unidentified 5-foot-2 Asian woman who spoke English well had changed clothes after getting off the bus, and neither the driver nor fellow passengers recognized her. (Britain's *Daily Mail*)

Downsizing

San Francisco's Board of Supervisors postponed a vote on a proposed change to the city's building code that would allow construction of apartments as small as 220 square feet, about the size of a one-car garage. Proponents contend the smaller units would provide an affordable option for the city's single residents. "The fact is 41 percent of San Franciscans live alone," said Supervisor Scott Wiener, who drafted the proposal. "There are a lot of people who don't need or can't afford a lot of space."

If the board approves the measure, San Francisco would join New York City, which recently voted to test similar micro-units. Singapore authorities, meanwhile, just raised minimum dwelling sizes because of concerns about urban congestion. (Associated Press and *San Francisco Chronicle*)

An Italian study of male sexuality discovered that the average size of male genitalia has been steadily shrinking. Penises now are roughly 10 percent smaller than they were 50 years ago. The study identified the causes as weight gain, pollution, stress, smoking and alcohol, although radio host Rush Limbaugh insisted "it's feminism." (Salon)

Rear-ended

Federal authorities accused Ronald Robinson, 34, of returning used enema kits to a Florida drug store, which returned them to shelves. Prosecutors said Robinson resealed the enemas inside their boxes and brought them back to the store for refunds. (United Press International)

Police who arrested Anthony Leopold Rowe, 26, at his home in Easton, Pa., said he tried to swallow marijuana that he had hidden in his anal cavity. (Allentown's *The Morning Call*)

Good news for zombies

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Gerber Legendary Blades announced a voluntary recall of 119,000 Gerber Bear Grylls Parang Machetes that were marketed to zombie killers on last fall's season opener of *The Walking Dead* television series. "If the Dead walk, the continuation of the human race will become a daily struggle," the Portland, Ore., company said on its website. "Are you prepared to protect and defend your family and friends? Your best chance lies in the Gerber Apocalypse Survival Kit." The limited-edition kit, which included six other zombie-fighting tools, sold for $349. The problem with the 19.5-inch-long curved weapons, with a 13.5-inch blade, was a weakness where the handle meets the blade, "posing a laceration hazard," the recall said. Gerber received 24 reports of the blade or handle breaking during use and one injury, not, however, to a zombie. (*Orlando Sentinel*)

Beyond suspicious

Federal officials at Los Angeles International Airport who noticed a passenger arriving on a flight from Japan dressed in bulletproof vest and flame-retardant pants decided to search his luggage. After finding a smoke grenade, knives, body bags, a hatchet, a collapsible baton, a biohazard suit, a full-face respirator, handcuffs, leg irons and a device to repel dogs, they arrested Boston-bound Yongda Huang Harris, 28. (Associated Press)

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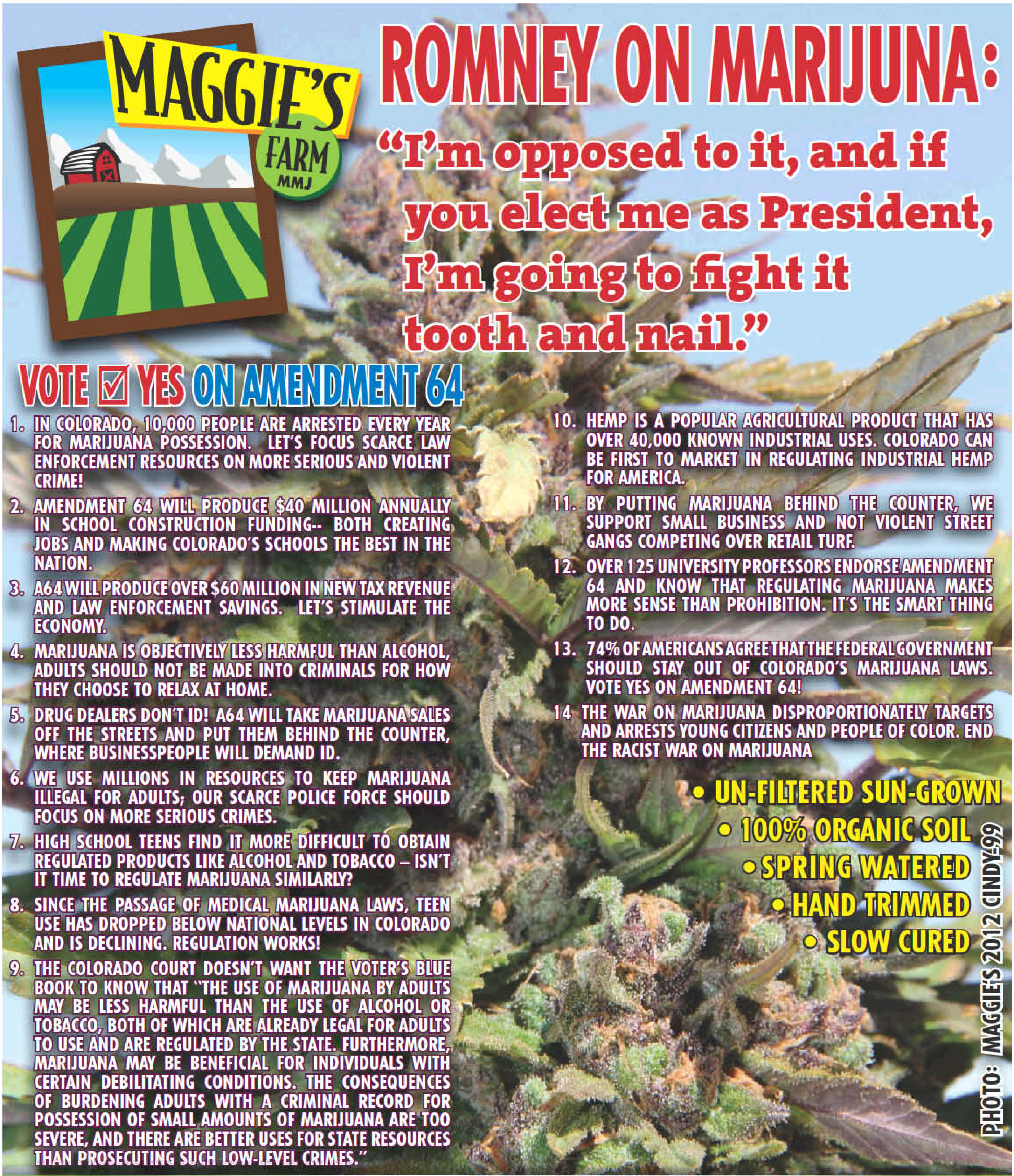

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5. DRUG DEALERS DON'T ID! A64 WILL TAKE MARIJUANA SALES OFF THE STREETS AND PUT THEM BEHIND THE COUNTER, WHERE BUSINESSPEOPLE WILL DEMAND ID.
6. WE USE MILLIONS IN RESOURCES TO KEEP MARIJUANA ILLEGAL FOR ADULTS; OUR SCARCE POLICE FORCE SHOULD FOCUS ON MORE SERIOUS CRIMES.
7. HIGH SCHOOL TEENS FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN REGULATED PRODUCTS LIKE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO – ISN'T IT TIME TO REGULATE MARIJUANA SIMILARLY?
8. SINCE THE PASSAGE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAWS, TEEN USE HAS DROPPED BELOW NATIONAL LEVELS IN COLORADO AND IS DECLINING. REGULATION WORKS!
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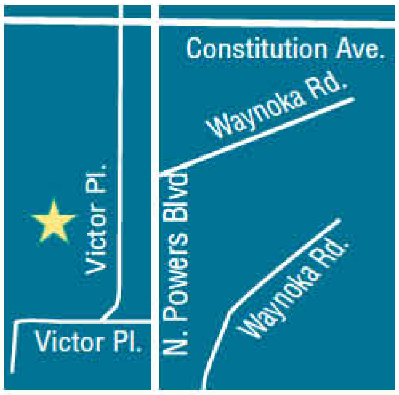

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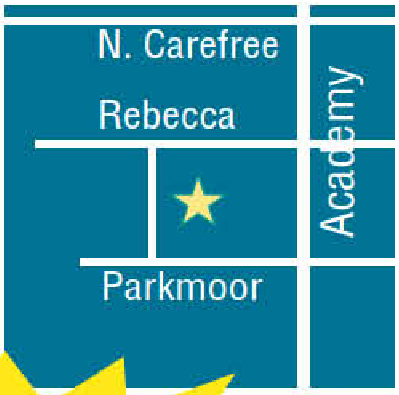

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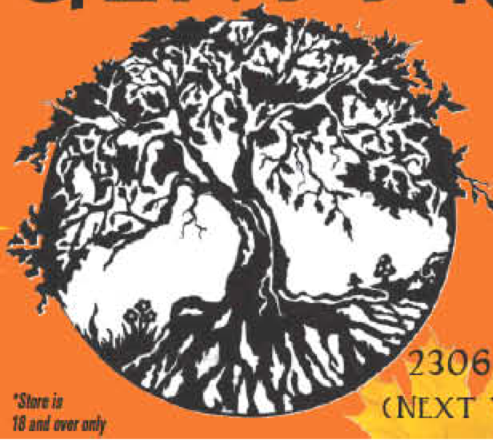

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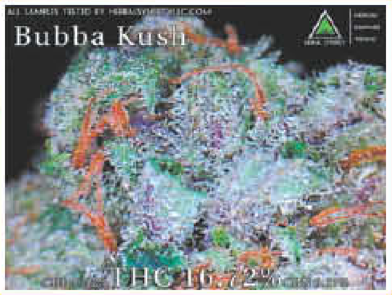
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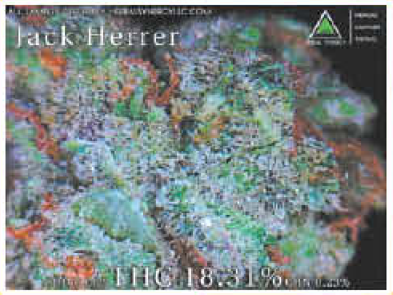
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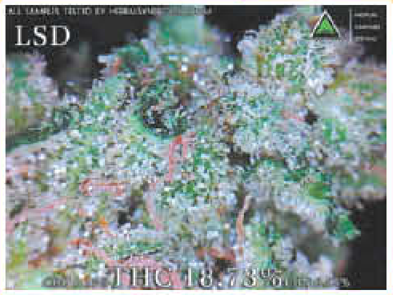
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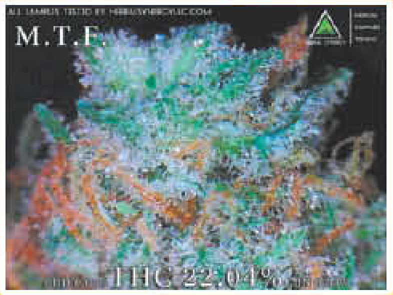
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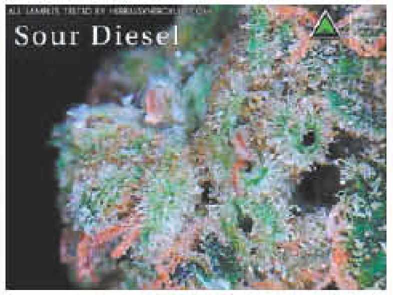
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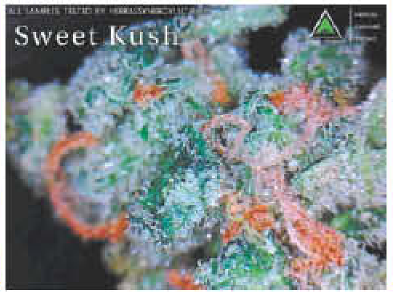

CannaBiz

Medical marijuana news of the week

Colorado's close-up, Part 1

On Sunday night, ***60 Minutes*** reported on the medical marijuana industry in Colorado with a piece titled — you guessed it — "Rocky Mountain High."

The CBS report comes out two weeks before voters here and in Oregon and Washington state vote on whether to legalize marijuana use in general. And with reporter Steve Kroft marveling that there are 204 medical marijuana dispensaries in the Denver area — three times the number of Starbucks and McDonalds combined — the segment highlights how mainstream the plant's presence has become in Colorado.

As part of their reporting, Kroft and company tour Dixie Elixirs, the leading manufacturer of marijuana-laced edibles. What would happen, the news anchor asks, if he downed a bottle of Dixie's sparkling red currant-flavored drink?

"You would have a very long, but mellow afternoon," says Tripp Keber, Dixie CEO, doing his part in the 13-minute segment.

The news crew moves from highlighting the more upscale aspects of medical marijuana "boutique" culture to pointing out that, yes, the Federal Controlled Substances Act insists marijuana is "every bit as dangerous as heroin, with no medical benefit."

Perhaps the most useful part of the piece: U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Cole goes on record as saying that "we're not interested in bothering people that are sick and are using it at the recommendation of a doctor." Ultimately, he says, "we are concerned with people who are using it as a pretext to become large-scale drug dealers." The report doesn't mention the federal crackdowns on dispensaries deemed too close to school buildings.

You can find the full story, and a *60 Minutes Overtime* segment focused on edibles, at cbsnews.com.

Colorado's close-up, Part 2

Continuing on the subject of the "green rush," ***Newsweek*** published a cover story Monday titled the "New Pot Barons," where Denver is cast as the new California: a place for smart businesspeople to invest and hope they strike gold.

"This is our Facebook," says Norton Arbelaez, owner of multiple dispensaries and a founding member of the Medical Marijuana Industry Group, in the article.

The magazine's eyes are for the capital city only; as is true of the *60 Minutes* piece, Colorado Springs earns nary a mention.

Smoke screen

All it takes is a $10 "love donation" to get yourself into a "film exhibition that changes everything." On Friday night, Marmalade at Smokebrush (219 W. Colorado Ave., #210, smokebrush.org) presents **Cannabis Kills Cancer**, where from 5:30 to 10 p.m. a variety of movies and speakers will cover that very notion. Among the latter is Dr. Bob Melamede, of Cannabis Science and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs fame.

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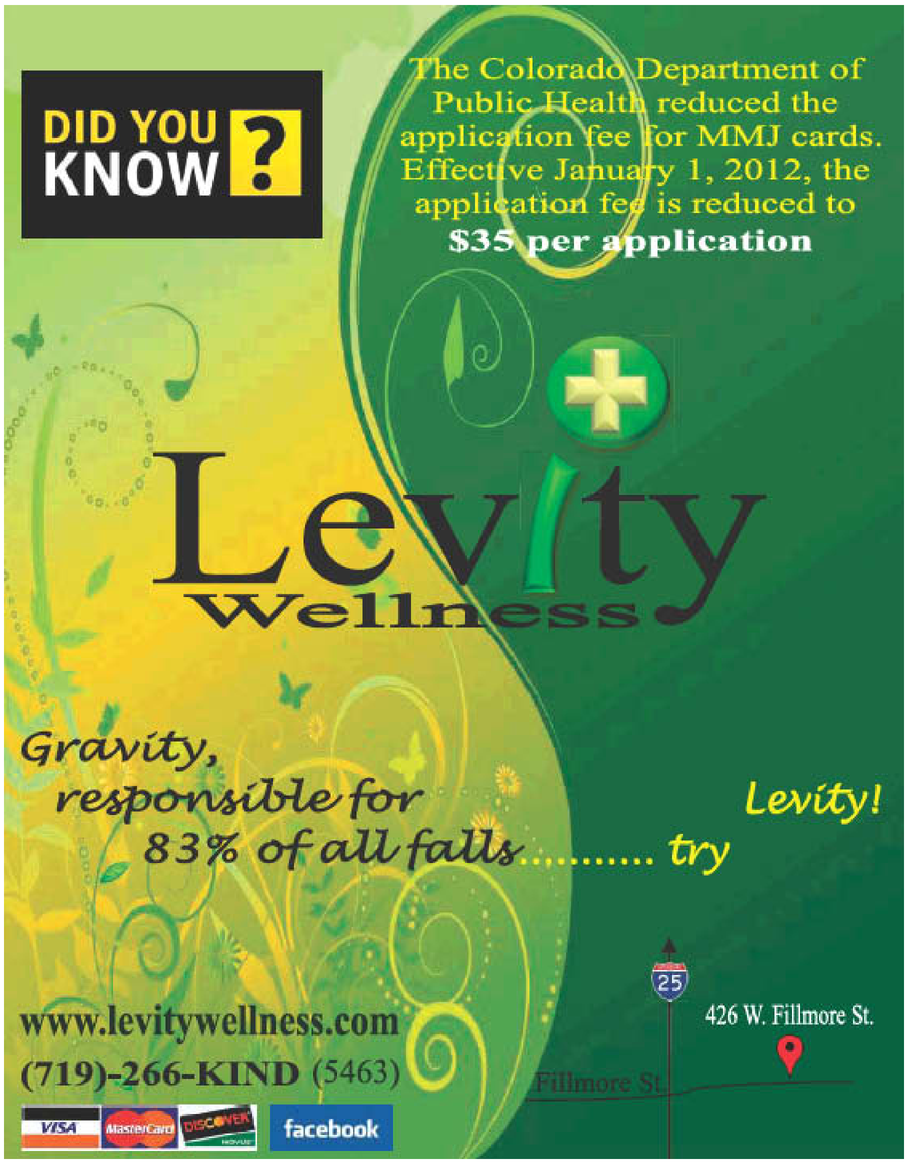
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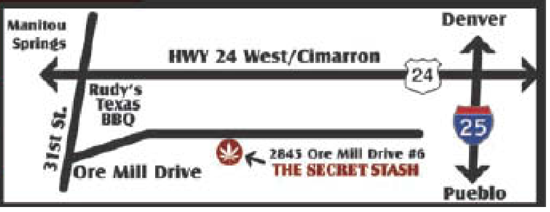

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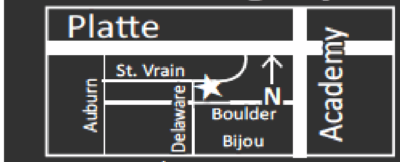

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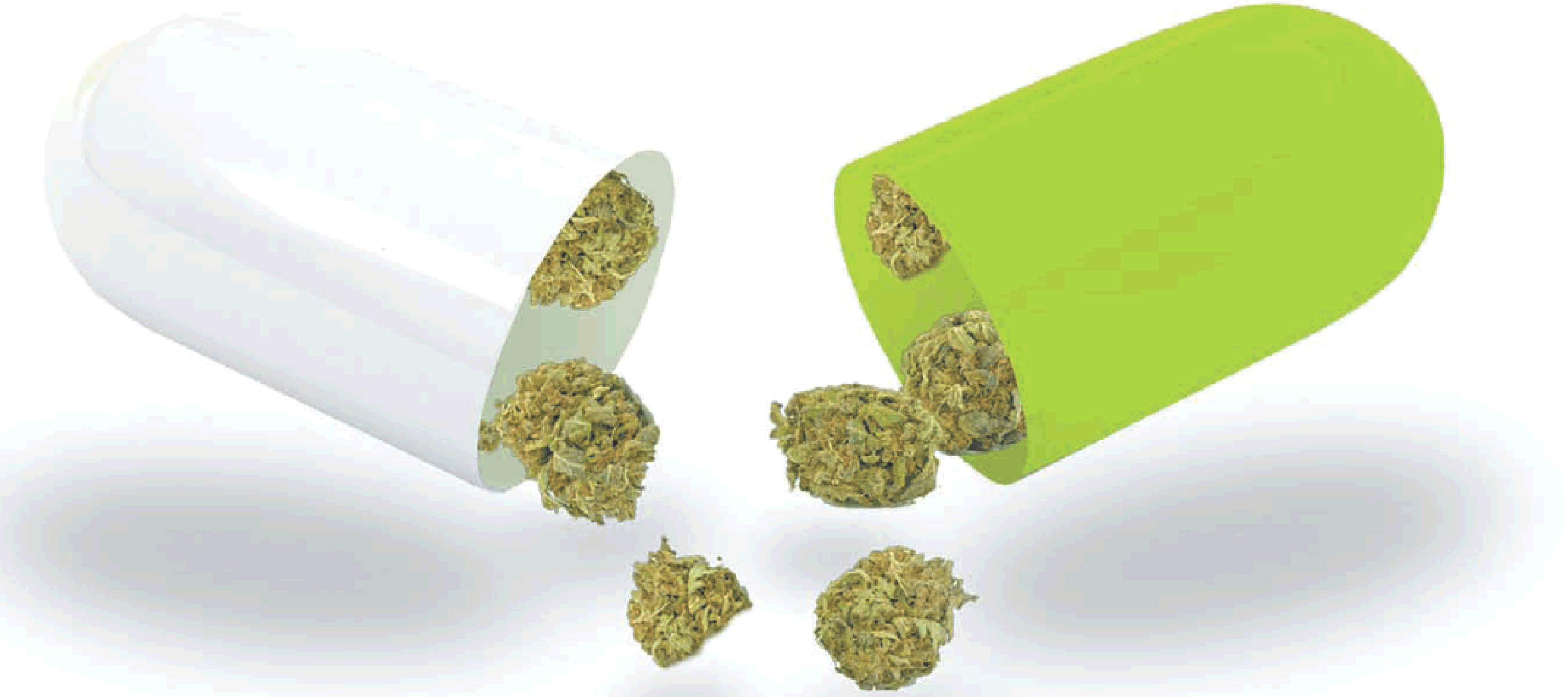

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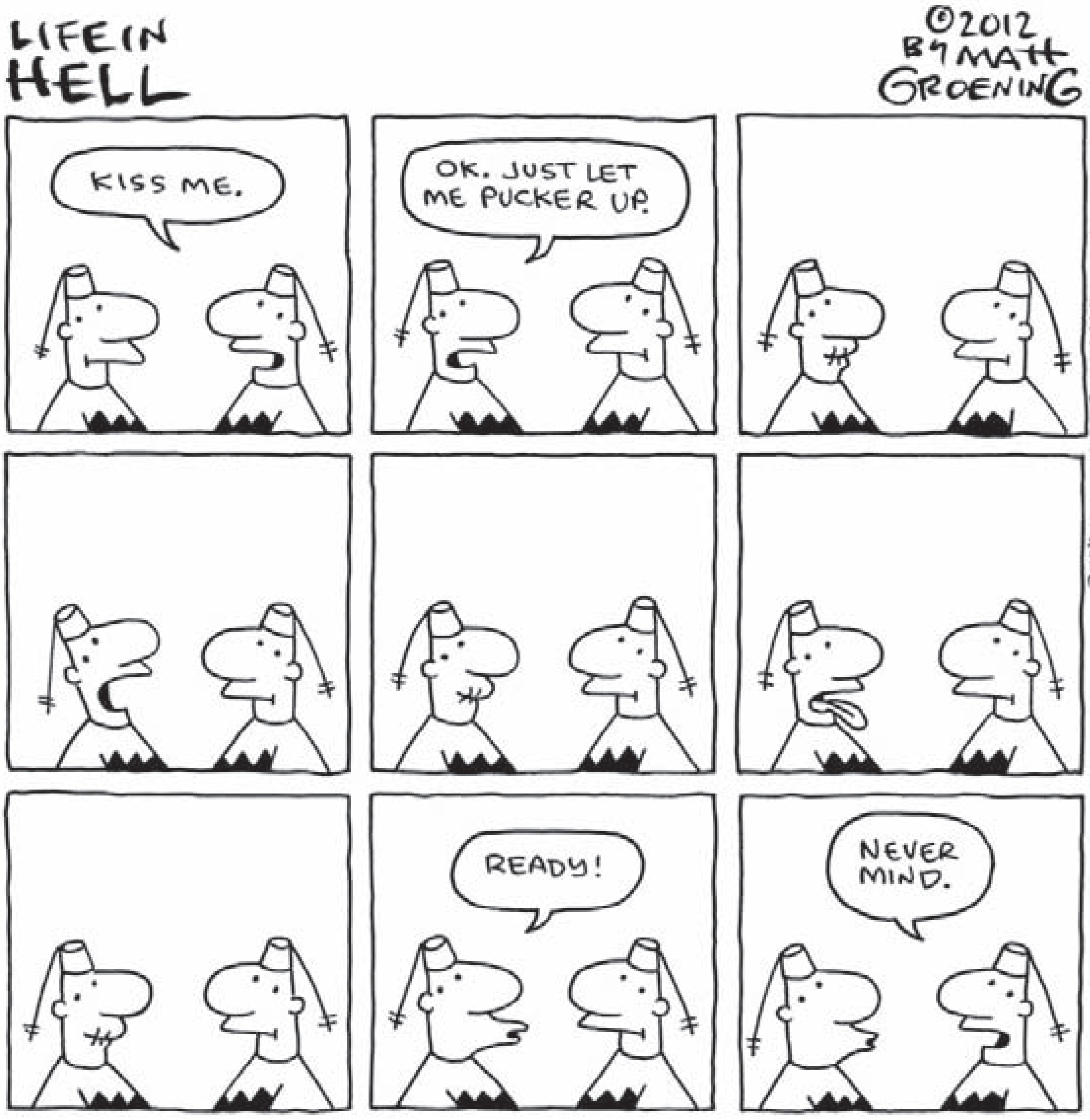
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By Amy Alkon

Hell in a hen basket

Seven months ago, when I met my boyfriend, I had no idea he had so many female friends. I'm 26; he's 30. I understand having opposite-sex friends to get perspective on dating, but he's like one of their girlfriends. He gabs on the phone with them constantly, and they treat him like their little teddy bear, inviting him to baby showers, bringing him leftovers, and baking him cookies. He only understands my jealousy as fear that he will cheat. But these are married girls he's known for years, and he's not a sleazeball. I'm not scared of catching him in bed with another woman; I'm terrified I'll overhear him discussing what color she should paint the baby's room. I know he won't be comfortable telling his girlfriends that he picks out nail polish with only one woman from now on — me! I don't feel he needs these relationships when he's in a serious relationship, and it isn't their job to take care of him. — Feeling Inadequate

He isn't just your man; he's the married hens' pet mandroid. Kind of like their own super-adorable version of "The Terminator": "I'll be back ... to help you pick out panty liners!" From the way you describe the guy, it sounds like his testosterone level is somewhere between zero and "crying softly while hiding under the bed." But you didn't find him under-manly when you started dating him and apparently don't now; you're just upset he's been moonlighting as a gay decorator.

Odd as it is to have a boyfriend whose homies are a bunch of suburban homemakers, outside friendships can help keep a relationship alive. (No one person shares their partner's every interest or meets their every need.) Outside friendships can also go too far — like if your boyfriend's confiding things he'd otherwise confide in you, ditching you to hang with them, or answering the phone during sex as their first responder for nail polish emergencies: "Definitely 'Baby's Breath' over that trampy 'Seashell Pink'!"

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If you aren't icked out because he likes scrapbooking and sipping chard with the ladies, and you don't feel shortchanged in time, energy and attention, maybe the real problem is insecurity on your part. It is understandable that you feel a little jealous. When you get into a relationship with a guy, you expect to be his one-and-only, and not feel like you need to get in line behind the housewife harem bringing him plates of homemade brownies.

Stamping your foot and ordering him to ditch the biddies is a bad idea. Even if you got him to cave, resentment would surely rise up in him to fill the void. What you can do is tell him what you need. Explain that you aren't worried he'll cheat, just anxious that a bunch of women mean a lot to him, who do girlfriendy things for him, who have a history with him that you don't. Get him to tell you what he sees in you and why he's with you. This should help you see these women are special to him, but not special-special, like you, helping you rest easier when he comes home smelling like he spent the night singing into hairbrushes with the girls.

Mean and hungry

Men apparently see the organic grocery's salad bar as the new singles bar. Sorry, but after a long day, I want to load up my container in peace, not get hit on with "So, what's on the menu tonight?" or "You know, I make a mean kale salad." (Didn't know, don't care.) I'm getting so annoyed at this always happening that I'm tempted to say to the next guy, "What makes you think I want to have a conversation with you?" — Girl, Interrupted

Sadly, shopping local often involves ducking the locals. (If only the salad bar came with a sleaze guard.) Though you could pelt these guys with croutons or cutting remarks, venting anger actually makes it worse — biochemically and psychologically. Wearing a big rock on your finger should stop some men from approaching, and mentioning "my husband" should chase away any who already have. You'll ultimately feel better if you make the tiny effort to ditch them with dignity; treat them like they have value as human beings (if annoying ones) and like their feelings matter. You might also consider yourself lucky.

The day may come when men look at you with all the longing they have for a bench. At that point, you'll still be complaining: "What's the world come to when a little old lady spends six hours getting a box of sprouts without attracting a single guy wanting to do wheatgrass shots off her abs?"

***Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave., #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail adviceamy@aol.com (advicegoddess.com). Alkon is the author of* I See Rude People: One Woman's Battle To Beat Some Manners Into Impolite Society.**

FreeWillAstrology

By Rob Brezsny

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "It's so fine and yet so terrible to stand in front of a blank canvas," said French painter Paul Cezanne. Many writers make similar comments about the excruciating joy they feel when first sitting down in front of an empty page. For artists in any genre, in fact, getting started may seem painfully impossible. And yet there can also be a delicious anticipation as the ripe chaos begins to coalesce into coherent images or words or music. Even if you're not an artist, you're facing a comparable challenge in your own chosen field. Halloween costume suggestion: a painter with a blank canvas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): In the coming days, many important tasks will be best accomplished by caginess and craftiness. Are you willing to work behind the scenes and beneath the surface? I suspect you will have a knack for navigating your way skillfully and luckily through mazes and their metaphorical equivalents. The mists may part at your command, revealing clues that no one else but you can get access to. You might also have a talent for helping people to understand elusive or difficult truths. Halloween costume suggestions: spy, stage magician, ghost whisperer, exorcist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The coming week could have resemblances to the holiday known as Opposite Day. Things people say may have meanings different or even contrary to what they supposedly mean. Qualities you usually regard as liabilities might temporarily serve as assets, and strengths could seem problematical or cause confusion. You should be wary of the possibility that the advice you get from people you trust may be misleading. For best results, make liberal use of reverse psychology, freaky logic and mirror magic. Halloween costume suggestion: the opposite of who you really are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I don't have a big problem with your tendency to contradict yourself. I'm rarely among the consistency freaks who would prefer you to stick with just one of your many selves instead of hopscotching among all nine. In fact, I find your multi-level multiplicity interesting and often alluring. I take it as a sign that you are in alignment with the fundamentally paradoxical nature of life. Having said all that, however, I want to alert you to an opportunity that the universe is currently offering you, which is to feel unified, steady and stable. Does that sound even vaguely enticing? Why not try it out for a few weeks? Halloween costume suggestion: an assemblage or collage of several of your different personas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An avocado tree may produce so much fruit that the sheer weight of its exuberant creation causes it to collapse. Don't be like that. Without curbing your luxuriant mood, simply monitor your outpouring of fertility so that it generates just the right amount of beautiful blooms. Be vibrant and bountiful and fluidic, but not unconstrained or overwrought or recklessly lavish. Halloween costume suggestion: a bouquet, an apple tree, a rich artist, or an exotic dancer with a bowl of fruit on your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I hope your father didn't beat you, scream at you or molest you. If he did, I am so sorry for your suffering. I also hope your father didn't ignore you or withhold his best energy from you. I hope he didn't disappear for weeks at a time and act oblivious to your beauty. If he did, I mourn for your loss. It's quite possible that you were spared such mistreatment. Maybe your dad gave you conscientious care and loved you for who you really are. Whatever the case might be, this is the time to acknowledge it. If you're one of the lucky ones, celebrate to the max. If you're one of the wounded ones, begin or renew your quest for serious and intensive healing. Halloween costume suggestion: your father.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do you know how to tell the difference between superstitious hunches and dependable intuitions? Are you good at distinguishing between mediocre gossip that's only 10 percent accurate and reliable rumors that provide you with the real inside dope? I suspect that you will soon get abundant opportunities to test your skill in these tasks. To increase the likelihood of your success, ask yourself the following question on a regular basis: Is what you think you're seeing really there or is it mostly a projection of your expectations and theories? Halloween costume suggestions: a lie detector, an interrogator with syringes full of truth serum, a superhero with X-ray vision, a lab scientist.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): I am officially protesting you. I am staging a walkout, mounting a demonstration and launching a boycott unless you agree to my one demand: that you take better care of the neglected, disempowered and underprivileged parts of your life. Not a year from now; not when you have more leisure time; NOW! If and when you do this, I predict the arrival of a flood of personal inspiration. Halloween costume suggestion: a symbolic representation of a neglected, disempowered or underprivileged part of your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): As you contemplate what you want to be for Halloween, don't consider any of the following options: a thoroughbred racehorse wearing a blindfold; a mythic centaur clanking around in iron boots; a seahorse trying to dance on dry land. For that matter, I hope you won't come close to imitating any of those hapless creatures even in your non-Halloween life. The coming days will be an excellent time to explore, analyze and deal with your limitations. But that doesn't mean you should be overwhelmed and overcome by them. Halloween costume suggestions: Houdini, an escaped prisoner, a snake molting its skin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Does anyone know where I can find dinosaur costumes for cats?" asked a Halloween shopper on reddit.com. In the comments section, someone else said that he needed a broccoli costume for his Chihuahua. I bring this up, Capricorn, because if anyone could uncover the answers to these questions, it would be you. You've got a magic touch when it comes to hunting down solutions to unprecedented problems. Halloween costume suggestion: a cat wearing a dinosaur costume.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The Live Monarch Foundation made a video on how to fix a butterfly's broken wing (tinyurl.com/fixwing). It ain't easy. You need 10 items, including tweezers, talcum powder, toothpicks and glue. You've got to be patient and summon high levels of concentration. But it definitely can be done. The same is true about the delicate healing project you've thought about attempting on your own wound, Aquarius. It will require you to be ingenious, precise and tender, but I suspect you're primed to rise to the challenge. Halloween costume suggestion: herbalist, acupuncturist, doctor, shaman or other healer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's not a good time to wear Super-Control Higher-Power Spanx, or any other girdle, corset or restrictive garment. I advise you not to be a willing participant in any situation that pinches, hampers or confines you. You need to feel exceptionally expansive. To thrive, you've got to give yourself permission to spill over, think big and wander freely. As for those people who might prefer you to keep your unruly urges in check and your natural inclinations concealed: Tell them your astrologer authorized you to seize a massive dose of slack. Halloween costume suggestions: a wild man or wild woman; a mythical bird like the Garuda or Thunderbird; the god or goddess of abundance.

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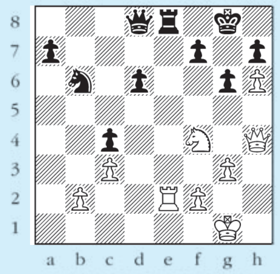

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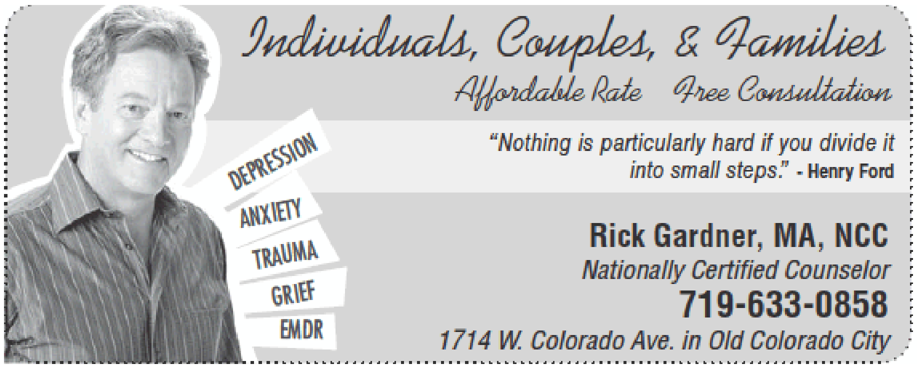
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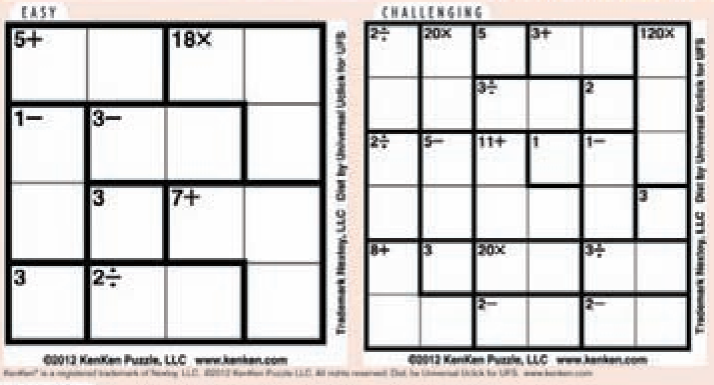
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Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a number in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined cage will produce the target number show by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division. A 4x4 grid uses the digits 1,2,3,4, while a 6x6 grid uses the numbers 1-6.

For puzzle answers, see page 109

RULES

① Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
② The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
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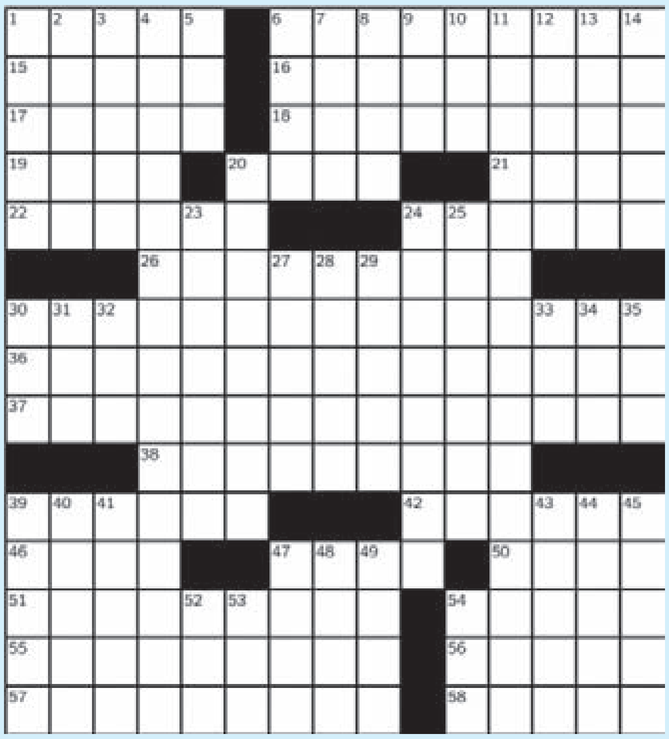

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ACROSS
1 "The Black Stallion" hero and others
6 Option for reduced fare
15 Pillbox relative
16 New York City has six
17 Onetime 25-Down rival
18 Potential result of fear
19 Info about touchdowns
20 Many man caves
21 Detective work
22 On the decline?
24 Quarters
26 Sing in court
30 Statement resulting in hand-raising
36 Minimal conflict
37 First commandment?
38 Bowery boy, say
39 Bluff
42 Fortuitously
46 Member of a loving trio
47 On the way out?
50 Azadi Stadium setting
51 "Great" 18th-century ruler
54 Sure to be won
55 Lana Turner's "Mr. Imperium" co-star, 1951
56 Bebé's nourishment
57 #1 hit song that asks "Are you somewhere up above?"
58 Ruins

DOWN
1 Thrown
2 1990s Senate majority leader and family
3 Like a joule and a watt-second, e.g.
4 Learns by doing
5 Informal states?
6 Bait fish for pike angling
7 Unbending
8 Fish caught in pots
9 Skosh
10 They get booted
11 Options for reduced fare
12 In ___ heat
13 Mimic Mae West
14 Simon of opera
20 William of "My Three Sons"
23 Dish garnished with crushed peanuts
24 Getting a charge out of
25 Speed Six maker
27 Winner of seven French Opens
28 What some counters count
29 Out
30 "___ see"
31 Genealogy word
32 Refuel, in a way
33 Like Elvis Costello, but not Elvis Presley: Abbr.
34 Command level: Abbr.
35 Like some sgts.
39 Jeweler's creation
40 Elicit eye-popping
41 She went to Haiti, in a Cole Porter song
43 Player of TV detective Spenser
44 Auxiliary memory for fast retrieval
45 Pants parts
47 "Time's up" sound
48 Dix et un
49 Fire
52 Org. whose seal has a flower
53 Currency unit taken out of circulation in 1953
54 Pay extension?

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By Ralph Routon

Broncos still on track

For more than a week now, the Denver Broncos and their kingdom have reveled in that crazy second-half comeback victory at San Diego, seen by ESPN's Monday night national audience.

Everyone acts as though that outcome was totally unexpected, beating the mighty Chargers on their home turf, especially after being down 24-0 at the half. And after that, suddenly, the masses believe that Denver may never lose again, that **Peyton Manning** is on his way to another MVP season — and we'll all live happily ever after.

That must mean it's time for a little reality check. So let's get to it.

SPORTS SHOT

Gotta wonder **Unbelievable that the Colorado Rockies would even consider Jason Giambi, who never has coached or run a dugout, as a serious candidate for manager. In that case, why not Todd Helton?**

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Numbers game **No surprise that the USA Pro Challenge organizers claim 1 million in attendance again, which seems inflated because crowds looked thinner along the way in Durango, Telluride and Aspen.**

Update **Olympic figure skater Rachael Flatt, now in school at Stanford and training in San Jose, still is competing this winter but now is listed at the "Team C" level by U.S. Figure Skating based on most recent results.**

First, if you remember this column from Sept. 5 (and more than a few apparently do, because I've been hearing about it), nothing about Denver's season so far has been a shock. That's because you read it here first.

Pardon a little boasting, but my game-by-game predictions pegged the Broncos at 3-3 entering their bye week. Not only that, but every game has followed the forecast: Denver beating Pittsburgh, losing to Atlanta and Houston, whipping Oakland, falling at New England, then knocking off the Chargers.

The projected synopsis for that visit to San Diego said this: "Back on Monday night, with **Philip Rivers** psyched to dismantle Denver. But he also has laid some eggs in this rivalry. Broncos, 26-23."

The actual score would have been 28-24, of course, until Rivers made the Chargers' self-destruction worse with a pick-six interception in the final minutes. So yes, even two months ago, it was easy to see that game coming.

All you had to do was think back to Denver's last prime-time date in San Diego, on Oct. 19, 2009. That was the night when **Eddie Royal** (then with Denver) returned a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns in the first half, before Rivers imploded in the second half. Scoring the game's final 17 points, the Broncos turned a 23-17 deficit into a 34-23 victory.

We know for sure now that Rivers, despite so much promise, never will be a championship quarterback. We also know that the Chargers lost this latest game far more than Denver won it.

For the record, that preseason prediction beginning at 3-3 had the Broncos surging after this bye week to an 11-5 finish and the AFC West title. It probably won't happen exactly that way, but the remaining losses from this view were Nov. 11 at Carolina and Dec. 16 at Baltimore. Given that both the Panthers and Ravens are facing lots of injuries and/or adversity, Denver actually could win those road games. And with the rest of the schedule looking less than ominous, the Broncos truly could make a serious run now.

But it's not guaranteed. I see four concerns that still could derail Denver.

- **Run defense.** The Broncos' linebackers still aren't making enough plays against good opponents. **Keith Brooking**, at 37, has brought savvy and fresh spirit, but Denver ranks 20th in run defense, which must improve.
- **Special teams.** Too many mistakes, too many mental errors. Those early kick-return fumbles on Oct. 15 would've been fatal if not for Rivers disintegrating and Manning awakening the offense. Special teams have to be an asset, not a liability, for Denver to go far.
- **Pass protection.** Manning has been hit too much, and losing center **J.D. Walton** (broken ankle) didn't help. Veteran pickup **Dan Koppen** has stepped in adequately, but can he hold up?
- **Ronnie Hillman.** Denver needs another dimension to its offense, and the rookie runner could provide that. But he hasn't so far, just showing flashes of potential. If he can come on in November and December, taking some of the load off **Willis McGahee**, that could make a huge difference.

We'll see how long September's prognostication holds true. But if most or all those concerns melt away, Orange Nation should enjoy the remaining 10 games — and perhaps beyond.

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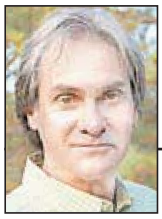

RangerRich

By Rich Tosches

Moose in my world

I go way back with the giant, awkward, goofy-looking, hairy beast known as the North American moose (scientific name *Rushus limbaughsus*).

My 13-year-old dog, for example, is Moose, a name chosen because of his droopy jowls and black fur and the way he likes to rub his antlers on a tree.

And some 25 years ago I had a fantastic moment involving a moose in a clear-cut forest patch high in the Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming. And by “fantastic,” I mean the 900-pound animal charged at me and I ran away, perhaps making small-girl noises.

Then, just before Christmas 2001, a moose wandered into our village and meandered for days along Monument Creek near Colorado College — eating, drinking, lurching around aimlessly and desperately searching for a mate. Or as CC students call it, going on “block break.”

On that winter day, with the moose actually looking at us, I dropped to one knee and asked my girlfriend **Susie** to marry me.

Footnote: She said yes, and today, 11 years after that magical, enchanted day, she still hates moose. (Last Saturday morning, as I laughed hysterically at *Rocky and Bullwinkle*, she actually began to cry.)

Anyway, my friend **Jake** shot a bull moose a week ago near the Colorado town of Grand Lake. Even though I have a long and storied history with moose, I was happy. Because moose kill old men as they walk to church. As the men walk to church, I mean. Not the moose.

Speaking of which, back in August, Republican vice-presidential nominee **Paul** “Champion of Women’s Rights” **Ryan** actually said this:

“**President Obama** said in tough times people cling to their guns and their religion. Hey, I’m a Catholic deer hunter. I’m happy to be clinging to my guns and my religion.”

‘They’re big and aggressive and have no fear.’

In summary — and I approve this message — Paul Ryan hunts Catholic deer. (Maybe he leaves a buck in the collection basket. Or a little doe in the envelope.)

Sorry. The point here, and I don’t have one, is that we should shoot more moose so they can’t kill or maim us, as they’ve seemed to enjoy doing since being reintroduced to Colorado in the late 1970s. According to biologists, flying squirrels were reintroduced a few years later, and by 1985 the duo had their own popular cartoon. (See disappointed, disgusted wife above.)

Anyway, in March 2006, 92-year-old **Louis Heckert** of Grand Lake was walking to church when a moose attacked him on the sidewalk. The man died a few days later. Others in the northern Colorado town have been injured in moose attacks, and many have been threatened.

Take **Mike Turner**, 58, who lived for 16 years in Monument and recently moved to Ohio. (I assume to get away from the angry moose.)

“A friend, **Rick Spurgeon**, got chased by a moose just last week up near Grand Lake,” Turner said. “Charged him. And years ago a big bull moose followed me for a mile in the woods. They’re big and aggressive and have no fear.”

Last week, after 15 years of applying for a Colorado moose hunting license and finally getting rewarded — you can only get one moose tag in your lifetime in Colorado — the aforementioned Jake, a recent CU-Boulder grad and the son of a deer old, I mean dear old friend, shot a moose.

He and his dad hunted hard for nearly two weeks, and on the big day Jake tracked the bull for four hours through deep snow before getting a shot.

“It was a pretty big deal,” Jake said. “I’d tried for so long for a license. Then when I finally saw the moose and it finally happened, I felt more relieved than anything. It was great.”

And while I know there might be an anti-hunting sentiment among some readers, I celebrate. Because today there’s one less moose to attack us as we walk to church, where Paul Ryan is crouched beside a pew, his ears standing at full attention if you know what I mean, preparing to shoot a Catholic deer.

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